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Disclosed is a method of screening candidate compounds for the ability to modulate the level of morphogenic protein in mammalian system. The method includes determining a parameter indicative of the level of production of a morphogenic in a cell culture known to produce the morphogen, incubating a candidate compound with the culture for a time sufficient to allow the compound to affect the production of the morphogenic protein, and then assaying the culture again to detect a change in the level of morphogenic protein production.

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MORPHOGENIC PROTEIN SCREENING METHOD

The invention relates to a method of screening drugs for the ability to modulate the level in mammals of proteins which can induce tissue morphogenesis and to methods of determining which animal tissue(s) and/or cell types within a tissue express a particular morphogenic protein.

Background of the Invention

Cell differentiation is the central characteristic of morphogenesis which initiates in the embryo, and continues to various degrees throughout the life of an organism in adult tissue repair and regeneration mechanisms. Members of the TGF-β superfamily include subfamilies of highly-related genes that now are suspected to play important roles in cell differentiation and morphogenesis during development and/or during adult life. For example, the Drosophila decapentaplegic gene product (DPP) has been implicated in formation of the dorsal-ventral axis in fruit flies; activins induce mesoderm and anterior structure formation in mammals; Müllerian inhibiting substance (MIS) may be required for male sex development in mammals; growth/differentiation factor-1 (GDF-1) has been implicated in nerve development and maintenance; other morphogenic proteins (BMP-2, -3, -4 and OP-1) induce bone formation.

The development and study of a bone induction model system has identified the developmental cascade of bone differentiation as consisting of chemotaxis of mesenchymal cells, proliferation of these progenitor cells, differentiation of cartilage, ossification and hypertrophy of this cartilaginous tissue, vascular invasion, bone formation, remodeling, and finally, marrow differentiation (Reddi (1981) Collagen Rel. Res. 1:209-206). This bone model system, which is studied in adult mammals, recapitulates the cascade of bone differentiation events that occur in formation of bone in the developing fetus. In other studies, the epithelium of the urinary bladder has been shown to induce new bone formation. Huggins (1931, Arch. Surg. 22:377-408) showed that new bone formation could be induced by surgical transplantation of urinary bladder epithelium onto the parietal fascia. Urist (1965, Science 150:893-899) demonstrated that implantation of demineralized bone segments resulted in endochondral bone formation. The latter study and observation suggested the existence of an osteogenic protein and that bovine diaphyseal bone was a source of enriched preparations of osteogenic protein (Sampath et al., J. Biol. Chem. 265:13198-13205, 1990; Urist, ibid; Reddi et al., Proc. Nat. Aca. Sci. 69:1601-1605, 1972; Sampath et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 80:6591-6595, 1983). Proteins capable of inducing endochondral bone formation in mammals when implanted in association with a matrix now have been identified in a number of different mammalian species, as have the genes encoding these proteins, (see, for example, U.S. Patent No. 4,968,590; U.S.S.N. 315,342 filed February 23, 1989;

and U.S.S.N. 599,543, filed Oct ber 18, 1990). Human OP-1 DNA has been cloned from vari us cDNA and genomic libraries using a consensus probe (Ozkaynak et al., EMBO J. 9:2085-2093, 1990). Purified human recombinant OP-1, expressed in mammalian cells, has been shown to induce new bone formation in vivo. Like other members of the TGF-β superfamily, OP-1 is produced as a precursor, glycosylated, processed and secreted as a mature dimer. Mature OP-1 is cleaved at a maturation site following a sequence with the pattern of RXXR (Panganiban et al., Mol. Cell. Biol. 10:2669-2677, 1990).

The degree of morphogenesis in adult tissue varies among different tissues and depends on, among other factors, the degree of cell turnover in a given tissue. On this basis, tissues can be divided into three broad categories: 1) tissues with static cell populations such as nerve and skeletal muscle where there is little or no cell division and most of the cells formed during development persist throughout adult life and, therefore, possess little or no ability for normal regeneration after injury; 2) tissues containing conditionally renewing populations such as liver where there is generally little cell division but, in response to an appropriate stimulus or injury, cells can divide to produce daughters of the same differentiated cell type; and 3) tissues with permanently renewing populations including blood, bone, testes, and stratified squamous epithelia which are characterized by rapid and continuous cell turnover in the adult. Here, the terminally differentiated cells have a short life span and are replaced through

proliferation of a distinct subpopulation of cells, known as stem or progenitor cells.

It is an object of this invention to provide a method of screening compounds which, when administered to a given tissue from a given organism, cause an alteration in the level of morphogenic protein ("morphogen") produced by the tissue. Such compounds, when administered systemically, will result in altered systemic or local levels of morphogenic activity. This morphogenic activity includes the ability to induce proliferation and sequential differentiation of progenitor cells, and the ability to support and maintain the differentiated phenotype or sequence of phenotypes through the progression of events that results in the formation of normal adult tissue (including organ regeneration). Thus, broadly, the invention provides a key to development of additional modalities of therapies involving modulation of morphogenic protein production in animals or adult mammals, e.g., humans, and consequent correction of conditions involving pathologic alteration of the balance of tissue cell turnover. Another object of the invention is to provide methodologies for identifying or selecting a combination of compound(s) which may increase a progenitor cell population in a mammal, stimulate progenitor cells to differentiate in vivo or in vitro, maintain the differentiated phenotype or sequence of phenotypes of a tissue, induce tissue-specific growth in vivo, or replace diseased or damaged tissues or organs in vivo. Another object of the invention is to determine the tissue(s) or organ(s) of origin of a given morphogen. Another object of the

invention is to d termin the specific cell type(s) within the tissue(s) or organ(s) of origin, or cell line(s) derived from the tissue(s), or organ(s) of origin, that is responsible for the synthesis and production of a given morphogen. These and other objects and features of the invention will be apparent from the description, drawing, and claims which follow.

Summary of th Invention

The invention features a method of screening candidate compounds for the ability to modulate the effective local or systemic concentration or level of morphogenic protein in an organism. The method is practiced by incubating one or more candidate compound(s) with cells from a test tissue type of an organism known to produce a given morphogen for a time sufficient to allow the compound(s) to affect the production, i.e., expression and/or secretion, of morphogen by the cells; and then assaying cells and the medium conditioned by the cells for a change in a parameter indicative of the level of production of the morphogenic protein. The procedure may be used to identify compounds showing promise as drugs for human use capable of increasing or decreasing morphogen production in vivo, thereby to correct or alleviate a diseased condition.

In a related aspect, the invention features a method of screening tissue(s) of an organism to assess whether or at what level cells of the tissue(s) produce a particular morphogen, thereby to determine a tissue(s) of origin of the morphogen. This permits selection of the tissue cell type to be used in the screening. As used herein, "tissue" refers to a group of cells which are naturally found associated, including an organ.

As an example of tissue(s) or organ(s) which produce high levels of morphogen relative to the level produced by other types of tissues, it has been discovered that OP-1, first found in bone tissue is produced at relatively high levels in cells derived

from renal, .g., kidney or bladder, r adr nal tissue; that GDF-1 is produced at relatively high levels in cells derived from nerve, e.g., brain tissue; that DPP is produced at relatively high levels in cells derived from one of the following drosophila tissues: dorsal ectoderm, epithelial imaginal disc, visceral mesoderm, or gut endoderm; that Vgr-1 is produced at relatively high levels in cells derived from mouse lung tissue; and that Vgl is produced at relatively high levels in cells derived from xenopus fetal endoderm tissue. In addition, BMP3 and CBMP2B transcripts have been identified in abundance in lung tissue. As used herein, "derived" means the cells are the cultured tissue itself, or are a cell line whose parent cells are the tissue itself.

Preferred methods for determining the level of or a change in the level of a morphogen in a cultured cell include using an antibody specific for the morphogen, e.g., in an immunoassay such as an ELISA or radioimmunoassay; and determining the level of nucleic acid, most particularly mRNA, encoding the morphogen using a nucleic acid probe that hybridizes under stringent conditions with the morphogen RNA, such as in an RNA dot blot analysis. Where a change in the presence and/or concentration of morphogen is being determined, it will be necessary to measure and compare the levels of morphogen in the presence and absence of the candidate compound. The nucleic acid probe may be a nucleotide sequence encoding the morphogen or a fragment large enough to hybridize specifically only to RNA encoding a specific morphogen under stringent conditions. As used herein, "stringent conditions" are

d fin d as conditions in which non-specific hybrids will be eluted but at which specific hybrids will be maintained, i.e., incubation at 0.1X SSC (15mM NaCl, 5mM Na citrate) at 50°C for 15 minutes.

Examples of morphogens whose levels may be determined according to the invention include OP-1, OP-2, GDF-1, Vgr-1, DPP, 60A CBMP2A, CBMP2B, BMP 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or Vgl. Thus, if an immunoassay is used to indicate the presence and/or concentration of a morphogen, an antibody specific for one of these morphogens only, and which will not detect the presence of other morphogens, will be used. Similarly, if nucleic acid hybridization is used to indicate the level of RNA encoding the morphogen, a nucleotide probe specific for one of these morphogens only will be used under hybridization conditions such that the probe should not be capable of hybridizing with RNA encoding a different morphogen. A morphogen includes an active C-terminal core region, which includes at least six cysteine residues, and a region N-terminal to the C-terminal region that is relatively non-homologous to the equivalent N-terminal regions of other morphogens. In addition, the 3' noncoding region of the mRNA is unique to each morphogen. Thus, a nucleic acid probe encoding all or a portion of the sequences N-terminal to the C-terminal core region of a morphogen, or encoding all or a portion of the sequences C-terminal to or 3' to the core region of a morphogen may be used as a probe which detects mRNA encoding that morphogen only.

"Morphogenic proteins" or "morphogens", as used herein, include naturally-occurring osteogenic proteins

capable of inducing the full dev l pmental cascad of bone formation, as well as polypeptide chains not normally associated with bone or bone formation, but sharing substantial sequence homology with osteogenic proteins. Such proteins, as well as DNA sequences encoding them, have been isolated and characterized for a number of different species. See. for example, U.S. Patent No. 4,968,590 and U.S. Patent Number. 5,011,691, U.S. application Serial Number 1989; 422,699, filed October 17, 1989, and 600,024 and 599,543, both filed October 18, 1990; Sampath et al., (1990) J. Biol. Chem. 265:13198-13205; Ozkaynak et al. (1990) EMBO J. 9:2085-2093; and Lee, Proc. Nat. Aca. Sci. 88:42504254 (1991), all of which are hereby incorporated by reference. Many of these proteins subsequently were discovered to have utility beyond bone morphogenesis. See, e.g., USSN 667,274 filed March 11, 1991. The mature forms of morphogens share substantial amino acid sequence homology, especially in the C-terminal core regions of the proteins. In particular, most of the proteins share a seven-cysteine skeleton in this region, in addition to other apparently required amino acids. Table II, infra, shows the amino acid sequence homologies for nine morphogens over the carboxy terminal 102 amino acids.

Among the morphogens useful in this invention are proteins originally identified as osteogenic proteins, such as the OP-1, OP-2 and CBMP2 proteins, as well as amino acid sequence-related proteins such as DPP (from Drosophila), Vgl (from Xenopus), Vgr-1 (from mouse, see U.S. 5,011,691 to Oppermann et al.), GDF-1 (from mouse, see Lee (1991) PNAS 88:4250-4254), all of which are

presented in Tabl II and Seq. ID Nos.5-14), and the recently identified 60A protein (from Drosophila, Seq. ID No. 24, see Wharton et al. (1991) PNAS 88:9214-9218.) The members of this family, which include members of the TGF-β super-family of proteins, share substantial amino acid sequence homology in their C-terminal regions. The proteins are translated as a precursor, having an N-terminal signal peptide sequence, typically less than about 30 residues, followed by a "pro" domain that is cleaved to yield the mature sequence. The signal peptide is cleaved rapidly upon translation, at a cleavage site that can be predicted in a given sequence using the method of Von Heijne ((1986) Nucleic Acids Research 14:4683-4691.) Table I, below, describes the various morphogens identified to date, including their nomenclature as used herein, their Seq. ID references, and publication sources for the amino acid sequences for the full length proteins not included in the Seq. Listing. The disclosure of these publications is incorporated herein by reference.

TABLE I

"OP-1" refers generically to the group of morphogenically active proteins expressed from part or all of a DNA sequence encoding OP-1 protein, including allelic and species variants thereof, e.g., human OP-1 ("hOP-1", Seq. ID No. 5, mature protein amino acid sequence), or mouse OP-1 ("mOP-1", Seq. ID No. 6, mature protein amino acid sequence.) The

cons rv d sev n cysteine sk leton is defined by residues 38 to 139 of Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 6. The cDNA sequences and the amino acids encoding the full length proteins are provided in Seq. Id Nos. 16 and 17 (hOP1) and Seq. ID Nos. 18 and 19 (mOP1.) The mature proteins are defined by residues 293-431 (hOP1) and 292-430 (mOP1). The "pro" regions of the proteins, cleaved to yield the mature, morphogenically active proteins are defined essentially by residues 30-292 (hOP1) and residues 30-291 (mOP1).

"OP-2" refers generically to the group of active proteins expressed from part or all of a DNA sequence encoding OP-2 protein, including allelic and species variants thereof, e.g., human OP-2 ("hOP-2", Seq. ID No. 7, mature protein amino acid sequence) or mouse OP-2 ("mOP-2", Seq. ID No. 8, mature protein amino acid sequence). The conserved seven cysteine skeleton is defined by residues 38 to 139 of Seq. ID Nos. 7 and 8. The cDNA sequences and the amino acids encoding the full length proteins are provided in Seq. ID Nos. 20 and 21 (hOP2) and Seq. ID Nos. 22 and 23 (mOP2.) The mature proteins are defined essentially by residues 264-402 (hOP2) and 261-399 (mOP2). The "pro" regions of the proteins, cleaved to yield

the mature, morphogenically active proteins likely are defined essentially by residues 18-263 (hOP2) and residues 18-260 (mOP2). (Another cleavage site also occurs 21 residues upstream for both OP-2 proteins.)

"CBMP2" refers generically to the morphogenically active proteins expressed from a part or all of a DNA sequence encoding the CBMP2 proteins, including allelic and species variants thereof, e.g., human CBMP2A ("CBMP2A(fx)", Seq ID No. 9) or human CBMP2B DNA ("CBMP2B(fx)", Seq. ID No. 10). The amino acid sequence for the full length proteins, referred to in the literature as BMP2A and BMP2B, or BMP2 and BMP4, appear in Wozney, et al. (1988) Science 242:1528-1534. The pro domain for BMP2 (BMP2A) likely includes residues 25-248 or 25-282; the mature protein, residues 249-396 or 283-396. The pro domain for BMP4 (BMP2B) likely includes residues 25-256 or 25-292; the mature protein, residues 257-408 or 293-408.

"DPP(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the Drosophila DPP gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 11). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Padgett, et al (1987) Nature 325: 81-84. The pro

domain likely extends from th signal peptide cleavage site to residue 456; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 457-588.

"Vgl(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the Xenopus Vgl gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 12). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Weeks (1987) Cell 51: 861-867. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 246; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 247-360.

"Vgr-1(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the murine Vgr-1 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 13). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Lyons, et al, (1989) PNAS 86: 4554-4558. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 299; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 300-438.

"GDF-1(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human GDF-1 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 14). The cDNA and encoded amino sequence for the full length protein is

provided in Seq. ID. No. 32. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 214; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 215-372.

"60A" refers generically to the morphogenically active proteins expressed from part or all of a DNA sequence (from the Drosophila 60A gene) encoding the 60A proteins (see Seq. ID No. 24 wherein the cDNA and encoded amino acid sequence for the full length protein is provided). "60A(fx)" refers to the protein sequences defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (residues 354 to 455 of Seq. ID No. 24.) The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 324; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 325-455.

"BMP3(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human BMP3 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 26). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Wozney et al. (1988) Science 242: 1528-1534. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 290; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 291-472.

"BMP5(fx)" refers t pr t in sequenc s encoded by th human BMP5 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 27). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Celeste, et al. (1991) PNAS 87: 9843-9847. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 316; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 317-454.

"BMP6(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human BMP6 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 28). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appear sin Celeste, et al. (1990) PNAS 87: 9843-5847. The pro domain likely includes extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 374; the mature sequence likely includes residues 375-513.

The OP-2 proteins have an additional cysteine residue in this region (e.g., see residue 41 of Seq. ID Nos. 7 and 8), in addition to the conserved cysteine skeleton in common with the other proteins in this family. The GDF-1 protein has a four amino acid insert within the conserved skeleton (residues 44-47 of Seq. ID No. 14) but this insert likely does not interfere with the relationship of the cysteines in the folded

structure. In addition, the CBMP2 prot ins are missing one amino acid residue within the cysteine skeleton.

The morphogens are inactive when reduced, but are active as oxidized homodimers and when oxidized in combination with other morphogens of this invention. Thus, as defined herein, a morphogen is a dimeric protein comprising a pair of polypeptide chains, wherein each polypeptide chain comprises at least the C-terminal six cysteine skeleton defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5, including functionally equivalent arrangements of these cysteines (e.g., amino acid insertions or deletions which alter the linear arrangement of the cysteines in the sequence but not their relationship in the folded structure), such that, when the polypeptide chains are folded, the dimeric protein species comprising the pair of polypeptide chains has the appropriate three-dimensional structure, including the appropriate intra- and inter-chain disulfide bonds such that the protein is capable of acting as a morphogen as defined herein. Specifically, the morphogens generally are capable of the following biological functions in a morphogenically permissive environment: stimulating proliferation of progenitor cells; stimulating the differentiation of progenitor cells; stimulating the proliferation of differentiated cells; and supporting the growth and maintenance of differentiated cells, including the "redifferentiation" of transformed cells. In addition, it is also anticipated that these morphogens are capable of

inducing redifferentiati n f committed cells under appropriate environmental conditions.

Morphogens useful in this invention comprise one of two species of generic amino acid sequences: Generic Sequence 1 (Seq. ID No. 1) or Generic Sequence 2 (Seq. ID No. 2); where each Xaa indicates one of the 20 naturally-occurring L-isomer, α-amino acids or a derivative thereof. Generic Sequence 1 comprises the conserved six cysteine skeleton and Generic Sequence 2 comprises the conserved six cysteine skeleton plus the additional cysteine identified in OP-2 (see residue 36, Seq. ID No. 2). In another preferred aspect, these sequences further comprise the following additional sequence at their N-terminus:

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa (Seq. ID No. 15)
1 5

Preferred amino acid sequences within the foregoing generic sequences include: Generic Sequence 3 (Seq. ID No. 3), Generic Sequence 4 (Seq. ID No. 4), Generic Sequence 5 (Seq. ID No. 30) and Generic Sequence 6 (Seq. ID No. 31), listed below. These Generic Sequences accommodate the homologies shared among the various preferred members of this morphogen family identified in Table II, as well as the amino acid sequence variation among them. Specifically, Generic Sequences 3 and 4 are composite amino acid sequences of the following proteins presented in Table II and identified in Seq. ID Nos. 5-14: human OP-1 (hOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 16-17), mouse OP-1 (mOP-1, Seq. ID

Nos. 6 and 18-19), human and mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 7, 8, and 20-22), CBMP2A (Seq. ID No. 9), CBMP2B (Seq. ID No. 10), DPP (from Drosophila, Seq. ID No. 11), Vgl, (from Xenopus, Seq. ID No. 12), Vgr-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 13), and GDF-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 14.) The generic sequences include both the amino acid identity shared by the sequences in Table II, as well as alternative residues for the variable positions within the sequence. Note that these generic sequences allow for an additional cysteine at position 41 or 46 in Generic Sequences 3 or 4, respectively, providing an appropriate cysteine skeleton where inter- or intramolecular disulfide bonds can form, and contain certain critical amino acids which influence the tertiary structure of the proteins.

Generic Sequence 3

Leu Tyr Val Xaa Phe
1 5

Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa
10

Xaa Ala Pro Xaa Gly Xaa Xaa Ala
15 20

Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa
25 30

Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
35

Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa
40 45
Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
50
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
55 60
Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
65
Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa
70 75
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa
80
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
85 90
Xaa Cys Gly Cys Xaa
95

wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids defined as follows: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.4 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.6 = (Arg, Gln, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.7 = (Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.8 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.11 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His or Asn); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp, Arg or Asn); Xaa at res.14 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.15 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.18 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.20 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.21 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Leu or Gln); Xaa at res.23 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at

res.26 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp r Gln); Xaa at res.28 = (Glu, Lys, Asp or Gln); Xaa at res.30 = (Ala, Ser, Pro or Gln); Xaa at res.31 = (Phe, Leu or Tyr); Xaa at res.33 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.34 = (Asn, Asp, Ala or Thr); Xaa at res.35 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu or Ala); Xaa at res.36 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or Ile); Xaa at res.37 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.38 = (Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.39 = (Ala, Ser or Gly); Xaa at res.40 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.44 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.45 = (Val or Leu); Xaa at res.46 = (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.47 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.49 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.50 = (His or Asn); Xaa at res.51 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.52 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.53 = (Asn, Lys, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.54 = (Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.55 = (Glu, Asp, Asn, or Gly); Xaa at res.56 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.57 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.58 = (Pro or Asp); Xaa at res.59 = (Lys or Leu); Xaa at res.60 = (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.63 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at res.65 = (Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.66 = (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.67 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at res.68 = (Asn, Ser or Asp); Xaa at res.69 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.70 = (Ile, Thr or Val); Xaa at res.71 = (Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.72 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.74 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.75 = (Phe, Tyr or Leu); Xaa at res.76 = (Asp or Asn); Xaa at res.77 = (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.78 = (Ser, Gln, Asn or Tyr); Xaa at res.79 = (Ser, Asn, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.80 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.82 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.84 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.85 = (Lys, Asn, Gln or His); Xaa at res.86 = (Tyr or His);

Xaa at r s.87 = (Arg, Gln or Glu); Xaa at res.88 = (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.90 = (Val, Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Lys, Val, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.93 = (Ala, Gly or Glu); and Xaa at res.97 = (His or Arg);

Generic Sequence 4

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Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Tyr Val Xaa Phe
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Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa
                15
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          30                 35
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Xaa Cys Gly Cys Xaa
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wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined by the following: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.2 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.3 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.4 = (His or Arg); Xaa at res.5 = (Glu, Ser, His, Gly, Arg or Pro); Xaa at res.9 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.11 = (Arg, Gln, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.13 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.16 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His or Asn); Xaa at res.17 = (Asp, Arg, or Asn); Xaa at res.19 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.20 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.23 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.25 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.26 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Leu, or Gln); Xaa at res.28 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at res.31 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp or Gln); Xaa at res.33 = Glu, Lys, Asp or Gln); Xaa at res.35 = (Ala, Ser or Pro); Xaa at res.36 = (Phe, Leu or Tyr); Xaa at res.38 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.39 = (Asn, Asp, Ala or Thr); Xaa at res.40 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu or Ala); Xaa at res.41 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or Ile); Xaa at res.42 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.44 = (Ala, Ser or Gly); Xaa at res.45 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.49 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.50 = (Val or Leu); Xaa at res.51 = (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.52 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.54 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.55 = (His or Asn); Xaa at res.56 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.57 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.58 = (Asn, Lys, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.59 = (Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.60 = (Glu, Asp, or Gly); Xaa at res.61 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.62 = (Val, Ala

or Ile); Xaa at res.63 = (Pr or Asp); Xaa at r s.64 = (Lys or Leu); Xaa at res.65 = (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.68 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at res.70 = (Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.71 = (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.72 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at res.73 = (Asn, Ser or Asp); Xaa at res.74 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.75 = (Ile, Thr or Val); Xaa at res.76 = (Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.77 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.79 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.80 = (Phe, Tyr or Leu); Xaa at res.81 = (Asp or Asn); Xaa at res.82 = (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.83 = (Ser, Gln, Asn or Tyr); Xaa at res.84 = (Ser, Asn, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.85 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.87 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.89 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.90 = (Lys, Asn, Gln or His); Xaa at res.91 = (Tyr or His); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Gln or Glu); Xaa at res.93 = (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.95 = (Val, Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.97 = (Arg, Lys, Val, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.98 = (Ala, Gly or Glu); and Xaa at res.102 = (His or Arg).

Similarly, Generic Sequence 5 (Seq. ID No. 30) and Generic Sequence 6 (Seq. ID No. 31) accommodate the homologies shared among all the morphogen protein family members identified in Table II. Specifically, Generic Sequences 5 and 6 are composite amino acid sequences of human OP-1 (hOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 16-17), mouse OP-1 (mOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 6 and 18-19), human and mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 7, 8, and 20-22), CBMP2A (Seq. ID No. 9), CBMP2B (Seq. ID No. 10), DPP (from Drosophila, Seq. ID No. 11), Vgl, (from Xenopus, Seq. ID No. 12), Vgr-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 13), and GDF-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 14), human BMP3

(Seq. ID No. 26), human BMP5 (Seq. ID No. 27), human BMP6 (Seq. ID No. 28) and 60(A) (from Drosophila, Seq. ID Nos. 24-25). The generic sequences include both the amino acid identity shared by these sequences in the C-terminal domain, defined by the six and seven cysteine skeletons (Generic Sequences 5 and 6, respectively), as well as alternative residues for the variable positions within the sequence. As for Generic Sequences 3 and 4, Generic Sequences 5 and 6 allow for an additional cysteine at position 41 (Generic Sequence 5) or position 46 (Generic Sequence 6), providing an appropriate cysteine skeleton where inter- or intramolecular disulfide bonds can form, and containing certain critical amino acids which influence the tertiary structure of the proteins.

Generic Sequence 5

Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Phe
1 5

Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa
10

Xaa Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Ala
15 20

Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa
25 30

Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
35

Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa
40 45
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
50
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
55 60
Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
65
Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa
70 75
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa
80
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
85 90
Xaa Cys Xaa Cys Xaa
95

wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids defined as follows: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.2 = (Tyr or Lys); Xaa at res.3 = Val or Ile); Xaa at res.4 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.6 = (Arg, Gln, Ser, Lys or Ala); Xaa at res.7 = (Asp, Glu or Lys); Xaa at res.8 = (Leu, Val or Ile); Xaa at res.11 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp, Arg, Asn or Glu); Xaa at res.14 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.15 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.16 (Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.18 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.19 =

(Gly or Ser); Xaa at r s.20 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.21 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Gln, Leu or Gly); Xaa at res.23 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at res.26 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp, Gln or Ser); Xaa at res.28 = (Glu, Lys, Asp, Gln or Ala); Xaa at res.30 = (Ala, Ser, Pro, Gln or Asn); Xaa at res.31 = (Phe, Leu or Tyr); Xaa at res.33 = (Leu, Val or Met); Xaa at res.34 = (Asn, Asp, Ala, Thr or Pro); Xaa at res.35 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu, Ala or Lys); Xaa at res.36 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or Ile); Xaa at res.37 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.38 = (Asn, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.39 = (Ala, Ser, Gly or Pro); Xaa at res.40 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.44 = (Ile, Val or Thr); Xaa at res.45 = (Val, Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.46 = (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.47 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.48 = (Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.49 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.50 = (His, Asn or Arg); Xaa at res.51 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.52 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala, Val or Leu); Xaa at res.53 = (Asn, Lys, Ala, Glu, Gly or Phe); Xaa at res.54 = (Pro, Ser or Val); Xaa at res.55 = (Glu, Asp, Asn, Gly, Val or Lys); Xaa at res.56 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser, Ala, Pro or His); Xaa at res.57 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.58 = (Pro or Asp); Xaa at res.59 = (Lys, Leu or Glu); Xaa at res.60 = (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.63 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at res.65 = (Thr, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.66 = (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.67 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at res.68 = (Asn, Ser, Asp or Gly); Xaa at res.69 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.70 = (Ile, Thr, Val or Leu); Xaa at res.71 = (Ser, Ala or Pro); Xaa at res.72 = (Val, Met or Ile); Xaa at res.74 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.75 = (Phe, Tyr, Leu or His); Xaa at res.76 = (Asp, Asn or

Leu); Xaa at r s.77 = (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.78 = (Ser, Gln, Asn, Tyr or Asp); Xaa at res.79 = (Ser, Asn, Asp, Glu or Lys); Xaa at res.80 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.82 = (Ile, Val or Asn); Xaa at res.84 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.85 = (Lys, Asn, Gln, His or Val); Xaa at res.86 = (Tyr or His); Xaa at res.87 = (Arg, Gln, Glu or Pro); Xaa at res.88 = (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.90 = (Val, Thr, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Lys, Val, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.93 = (Ala, Gly, Glu or Ser); Xaa at res.95 = (Gly or Ala) and Xaa at res.97 = (His or Arg).

Generic Sequence 6

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Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Phe
 1               5                  10
Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa
               15
Xaa Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Ala
 20                  25
Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa
         30                  35
Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
               40
Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa
         45                  50
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
               55
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
     60                  65
Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
             70
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Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa
 75                  80
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa
             85
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
 90                  95
Xaa Cys Xaa Cys Xaa
        100
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wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined by the following: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.2 = (Lys, Arg, Ala or Gln); Xaa at res.3 = (Lys, Arg or Met); Xaa at res.4 = (His, Arg or Gln); Xaa at res.5 = (Glu, Ser, His, Gly, Arg, Pro, Thr, or Tyr); Xaa at res.7 = (Tyr or Lys); Xaa at res.8 = (Val or Ile); Xaa at res.9 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.11 = (Arg, Gln, Ser, Lys or Ala); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp, Glu, or Lys); Xaa at res.13 = (Leu, Val or Ile); Xaa at res.16 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.17 = (Asp, Arg, Asn or Glu); Xaa at res.19 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.20 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.21 = (Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.23 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.24 = (Gly or Ser); Xaa at res.25 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.26 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Gln, Leu, or Gly); Xaa at res.28 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at res.31 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp, Gln or Ser); Xaa at res.33 = Glu, Lys, Asp, Gln or Ala); Xaa at res.35 = (Ala, Ser, Pro, Gln or Asn); Xaa at res.36 = (Phe, Leu or Tyr); Xaa at res.38 = (Leu, Val or Met); Xaa at res.39 = (Asn, Asp, Ala, Thr or Pro); Xaa at res.40 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu, Ala or Lys); Xaa at res.41 = (Tyr,

Cys, His, Ser or Il); Xaa at res.42 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.43 = (Asn, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.44 = (Ala, Ser, Gly or Pro); Xaa at res.45 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.49 = (Ile, Val or Thr); Xaa at res.50 = (Val, Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.51 = (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.52 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.53 = (Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.54 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.55 = (His, Asn or Arg); Xaa at res.56 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.57 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala, Val or Leu); Xaa at res.58 = (Asn, Lys, Ala, Glu, Gly or Phe); Xaa at res.59 = (Pro, Ser or Val); Xaa at res.60 = (Glu, Asp, Gly, Val or Lys); Xaa at res.61 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser, Ala, Pro or His); Xaa at res.62 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.63 = (Pro or Asp); Xaa at res.64 = (Lys, Leu or Glu); Xaa at res.65 = (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.68 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at res.70 = (Thr, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.71 = (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.72 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at res.73 = (Asn, Ser, Asp or Gly); Xaa at res.74 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.75 = (Ile, Thr, Val or Leu); Xaa at res.76 = (Ser, Ala or Pro); Xaa at res.77 = (Val, Met or Ile); Xaa at res.79 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.80 = (Phe, Tyr, Leu or His); Xaa at res.81 = (Asp, Asn or Leu); Xaa at res.82 = (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.83 = (Ser, Gln, Asn, Tyr or Asp); Xaa at res.84 = (Ser, Asn, Asp, Glu or Lys); Xaa at res.85 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.87 = (Ile, Val or Asn); Xaa at res.89 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.90 = (Lys, Asn, Gln, His or Val); Xaa at res.91 = (Tyr or His); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Gln, Glu or Pro); Xaa at res.93 = (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.95 = (Val, Thr, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.97 = (Arg, Lys, Val,

Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.98 = (Ala, Gly, Glu or Ser); Xaa at res.100 = (Gly or Ala); and Xaa at res.102 = (His or Arg).

Particularly useful sequences for use as morphogens in this invention include the C-terminal domains, e.g., the C-terminal 96-102 amino acid residues of Vgl, Vgr-1, DPP, OP-1, OP-2, CBMP-2A, CBMP-2B, GDF-1 (see Table II, below, and Seq. ID Nos. 5-14), as well as proteins comprising the C-terminal domains of 60A, BMP3, BMP5 and BMP6 (see Seq. ID Nos. 24-28), all of which include at least the conserved six or seven cysteine skeleton. In addition, biosynthetic constructs designed from the generic sequences, such as COP-1, 3-5, 7, 16, disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,011,691, also are useful. Other sequences include the inhibins/activin proteins (see, for example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,968,590 and 5,011,691). Accordingly, other useful sequences are those sharing at least 70% amino acid sequence homology or "similarity", and preferably 80% homology or similarity with any of the sequences above. These are anticipated to include allelic and species variants and mutants, and biosynthetic muteins, as well as novel members of this morphogenic family of proteins. Particularly envisioned in the family of related proteins are those proteins exhibiting morphogenic activity and wherein the amino acid changes from the preferred sequences include conservative changes, e.g., those as defined by Dayoff et al., Atlas of Protein Sequence and Structure; vol. 5, Suppl. 3, pp. 345-362, (M.O. Dayoff, ed., Nat'l BioMed. Research Fdn., Washington, D.C. 1979). As used

herein, potentially useful sequences are aligned with a known morphogen sequence using the method of Needleman et al. ((1970) J.Mol.Biol. 48:443-453) and identities calculated by the Align program (DNAstar, Inc.). "Homology" or "similarity" as used herein includes allowed conservative changes as defined by Dayoff et al.

Morphogen sequences which are detectable according to the methods of the invention include but are not limited to those having greater than 60% identity, preferably greater than 65% identity, with the amino acid sequence defining the conserved six cysteine skeleton of hOP1 (e.g., residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5). These most preferred sequences include both allelic and species variants of the OP-1 and OP-2 proteins, including the Drosophila 60A protein. Accordingly, morphogens which are detectable according to the invention include active proteins comprising species of polypeptide chains having the generic amino acid sequence herein referred to as "OPX", which accommodates the homologies between the various identified species of OP1 and OP2 (Seq. ID No. 29).

The morphogens detectable in the methods of this invention include proteins comprising any of the polypeptide chains described above, whether isolated from naturally-occurring sources, or produced by recombinant DNA or other synthetic techniques, and includes allelic and species variants of these proteins, naturally-occurring or biosynthetic mutants thereof, chimeric variants containing a domain(s) or

regi n(s) of ne family memb r functi nally arranged with another domain(s) or regions(s) of a second family member, as well as various truncated and fusion constructs. Deletion or insertion or addition mutants also are envisioned to be active, including those which may alter the conserved C-terminal cysteine skeleton, provided that the alteration does not functionally disrupt the relationship of these cysteines in the folded structure. Accordingly, such active forms are considered the equivalent of the specifically described constructs disclosed herein. The proteins may include forms having varying glycosylation patterns, varying N-termini, a family of related proteins having regions of amino acid sequence homology, and active truncated or mutated forms of native or biosynthetic proteins, produced by expression of recombinant DNA in host cells.

The morphogenic proteins can be expressed from intact or truncated cDNA or from synthetic DNAs in procaryotic or eucaryotic host cells, and purified, cleaved, refolded, and dimerized to form morphogenically active compositions. Currently preferred host cells include E. coli or mammalian cells, such as CHO, COS or BSC cells. A detailed description of the morphogens detectable according to the methods of this invention is disclosed in copending US patent application Serial Nos. 752,764, filed August 30, 1991, and 667,274, filed March 11, 1991, the disclosure of which are incorporated herein by reference.

The screening method of the invention provides a simple method of determining a change in the level of morphogenic protein as a result of exposure of cultured cells to one or more compound(s). The level of a morphogenic protein in a given cell culture, or a change in that level resulting from exposure to one or more compound(s) indicates that direct application of the compound modulates the level of the morphogen expressed by the cultured cells. If, for example, a compound upregulated the production of OP-1 by a kidney cell line, it would then be desirable to test systemic administration of this compound in an animal model to determine if it upregulated the production of OP-1 in vivo. If this compound did upregulate the endogenous circulating levels of OP-1, it would be consistent with administration of the compound systemically for the purpose of correcting bone metabolism diseases such as osteoporosis. The level of morphogen in the body may be a result of a wide range of physical conditions, e.g., tissue degeneration such as occurs in diseases including arthritis, emphysema, osteoporosis, kidney diseases, lung diseases, cardiomyopathy, and cirrhosis of the liver. The level of morphogens in the body may also occur as a result of the normal process of aging. A compound selected by the screening method of the invention as, for example, one which increases the level of morphogen in a tissue, may be consistent with the administration of the compound systemically or locally to a tissue for the purpose of preventing some form of tissue degeneration or for restoring the degenerated tissue to its normal healthy level.

Oth r advantages of the invention includ determining the tissue or tissues of origin of a given morphogen in order to administer a compound aimed at modulating the systemic level of morphogen for treatment of a disease or condition in which the level of morphogen production has become altered.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 shows the fragments of OP-1, used as probes in Northern hybridizations useful in the processes of the invention.

Fig. 2 shows results of Northern blot analysis of RNA using different OP-1-specific probes.

Fig. 3 shows results of Northern blot analysis of RNA from different cells types probed with an OP-1 probe.

Detailed Descripti n

The invention is based on the discovery of a family of structurally related morphogenic proteins (BMPs), also called osteogenic proteins (OPs), and more particularly that various of these proteins play an important role, not only in embryogenesis, but also in tissue and organ maintenance and repair in juvenile and adult mammals. Morphogenic proteins which have been identified include BMP 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, OP-1 and OP-2 (murine and human), Vgr-1, Vgl, DPP, GDF-1, CMBP-2A, CMBP-2B, 60A, and the inhibin/activin class of proteins. Other recombinant proteins include COP1, COP3, COP4, COP5, COP7, and COP16. While, as explained herein, the morphogen have significant homologies and similarities in structure, it is hypothesized that variants within the morphogenic protein genes may have specific roles in specific tissue involving, for example, stimulation of progenitor cell multiplication, tissue specific or tissue preferred phenotype maintenance, and/or stimulation or modulation of the rate of differentiation, growth or replication of tissue cells characterized by high turnover. The effect on the long-term physiology, maintenance and repair of particular tissues by particular species of the morphogens is currently unknown in any significant detail. However, methods useful in determining which particular tissues express which particular morphogen(s), and for finding changes which stimulate or depress morphogen expression in vivo, would enable discovery and development of strategies for therapeutic treatment of a large number of diseased states, and provide drugs designed to implement the strategy.

This invention provides such methods and, more specifically, two generic processes for obtaining data which ultimately will permit determination of structure/activity relationships of specific naturally occurring mammalian morphogens and drugs capable of modulating their production. For example, using the assay of the invention, it has been determined that OP-1, first found in bone and demonstrated to be osteoinductive, is synthesized primarily in kidney, bladder, and adrenal tissue. This surprising discovery, coupled with the observation that patients with kidney disease often express loss of bone mass, suggests that the bone loss in these patients may be due to pathologic depression of OP-1 synthesis in kidney, and suggests that administration of OP-1 systemically or stimulation of OP-1 expression and secretion by the kidney may arrest bone loss, or effect remineralization through increased bone formation (i.e., osteogenesis).

There are two fundamental aspects of the invention. One aspect involves an assay to determine tissues and cell types capable of synthesis and secretion of the morphogens; the other involves the use of the identified cell types configured in a screening system to find substances useful therapeutically to modulate, i.e., stimulate or depress, morphogen expression and/or secretion.

The assay to determine the tissue of origin of a given morphogen involves screening a plurality (i.e., two or more) different tissues by determining a parameter indicative of production of a morphogen in the tissue, and comparing the parameters. The tissue(s) of origin will, of course, be the tissue that produces that morphogen.

The other assay f th invention involves screening candidate compounds for their ability to modulate the effective systemic or local concentration of a morphogen by incubating the compound with a cell culture that produces the morphogen, and assaying the culture for a parameter indicative of a change in the production level of the morphogen. Useful candidate compounds then may be tested for in vivo efficacy in a suitable animal model. These compounds then may be used in vivo to modulate effective morphogen concentrating in the disease treatment.

1. Morphogen Tissue Distribution

Morphogens are broadly distributed in developing and adult tissue. For example, DPP and 60A are expressed in both embryonic and developing Drosophila tissue. Vgl has been identified in Xenopus embryonic tissue. Vgr-1 transcripts have been identified in a variety of murine tissues, including embryonic and developing brain, lung, liver, kidney and calvaria (dermal bone) tissue. In addition, both CBMP2B and CBMP3 have been identified in lung tissue. Recently, Vgr-1 transcripts also have been identified in adult murine lung, kidney, heart, and brain tissue, with particularly high levels in the lung (see infra). GDF-1 has been identified in human adult cerebellum and in fetal brain tissue. In addition, recent Northern blot analyses indicate that OP-1 is encoded by multiple transcripts in different tissues. This potential alternative splicing is consistent with the hypothesis that the longer transcripts may encoded additional proteins (e.g., bicistronic mRNA) and each form may be tissue or developmentally related.

OP-1 and the CBMP2 proteins, both first identified as bone morphogens, have been identified in mouse and human placenta, hippocampus, calvaria and osteosarcoma tissue as determined by identification of OP-1 and CMBP2-specific sequences in cDNA libraries constructed from these tissues (see USSN 422,699, incorporated herein by reference). Additionally, the OP-1 protein is present in a variety of embryonic and developing tissues including kidney, liver, heart and brain as determined by Western blot analysis and immunolocalization (see infra). OP-1-specific transcripts also have been identified in both embryonic and developing tissues, most abundantly in developing kidney, bladder, adrenal and (see infra). OP-1 also has been identified as a mesoderm inducing factor present during embryogenesis. Moreover, OP-1 has been shown to be associated with satellite cells in the muscle and associated with potential pluripotential stem cells in bone marrow following damage to adult murine endochondral bone, indicating its morphogenic role in tissue repair and regeneration. In addition, a novel protein GDF-1 comprising a 7 cysteine skeleton, has been identified in neural tissue (Lee, 1991, Proc. Nat. Aca. Sci. 88: 4250-4254).

Knowledge of the tissue distribution of a given morphogen may be useful in choosing a cell type for screening according to the invention, or for targeting that cell type or tissue type for treatment. The proteins (or their mRNA transcripts) are readily identified in different tissues using standard methodologies and minor modifications thereof in tissues where expression may be low. For example, protein distribution may be determined using standard Western blot analysis or immunocytochemical techniques, and antibodies specific to the morphogen or

morphogens of interest. Similarly, the distribution of morphogen transcripts may be determined using standard Northern hybridization protocols and a transcript-specific probe and hybridization conditions.

2. Useful Morphogens

As defined herein a protein is morphogenic if it is capable of inducing the developmental cascade of cellular and molecular events that culminate in the formation of new, organ-specific tissue and comprises at least the conserved C-terminal six cysteine skeleton or its functional equivalent (see supra). Specifically, the morphogens generally are capable of all of the following biological functions in a morphogenically permissive environment: stimulating proliferation of progenitor cells; stimulating the differentiation of progenitor cells; stimulating the proliferation of differentiated cells; and supporting the growth and maintenance of differentiated cells, including the "redifferentiation" of transformed cells. Details of how the morphogens detectable according to the methods of this invention first were identified, as well as a description on how to make, use and test them for morphogenic activity are disclosed in USSN 667,274, filed March 11, 1991 and USSN 752,764, filed August 30, 1991, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference. As disclosed therein, the morphogens may be purified from naturally-sourced material or recombinantly produced from procaryotic or eucaryotic host cells, using the genetic sequences disclosed therein. Alternatively, novel morphogenic sequences may be identified following the procedures disclosed therein.

Particularly useful proteins include those which comprise the naturally derived sequences disclosed in Table II. Other useful sequences include biosynthetic constructs such as those disclosed in U.S. Pat. 5,011,691, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference (e.g., COP-1, COP-3, COP-4, COP-5, COP-7, and COP-16).

Accordingly, the morphogens detectable according to the methods and compositions of this invention also may be described by morphogenically active proteins having amino acid sequences sharing 70% or, preferably, 80% homology (similarity) with any of the sequences described above, where "homology" is as defined herein above.

The morphogens detectable according to the method of this invention also can be described by any of the 6 generic sequences described herein (Generic Sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6). Generic sequences 1 and 2 also may include, at their N-terminus, the sequence

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa (Seq. ID No. 15)
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Table II, set forth below, compares the amino acid sequences of the active regions of native proteins that have been identified as morphogens, including human OP-1 (hOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 16-17), mouse OP-1 (mOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 6 and 18-19), human and mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 7, 8, and 20-23), CBMP2A (Seq. ID No. 9), CBMP2B (Seq. ID No. 10), BMP3 (Seq. ID No. 26), DPP (from Drosophila, Seq. ID No. 11), Vgl, (from Xenopus, Seq. ID No. 12), Vgr-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 13), GDF-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID

Nos. 14, 32 and 33), 60A protein (from Dros phila, Seq. ID Nos. 24 and 25), BMP5 (Seq. ID No. 27) and BMP6 (Seq. ID No. 28). The sequences are aligned essentially following the method of Needleman et al. (1970) J. Mol. Biol., 48:443-453, calculated using the Align Program (DNAstar, Inc.) In the table, three dots indicates that the amino acid in that position is the same as the amino acid in hOP-1. Three dashes indicates that no amino acid is present in that position, and are included for purposes of illustrating homologies. For example, amino acid residue 60 of CBMP-2A and CBMP-2B is "missing". Of course, both these amino acid sequences in this region comprise Asn-Ser (residues 58, 59), with CBMP-2A then comprising Lys and Ile, whereas CBMP-2B comprises Ser and Ile.

TABLE II

hOP-1	Cys	Lys	Lys	His	Glu	Leu	Tyr	Val
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	Arg	Arg	...	...	...	...	...
mOP-2	...	Arg	Arg	...	...	...	...	...
DPP	...	Arg	Arg	...	Ser	...	...	...
Vgl	...	...	Lys	Arg	His	...	...	...
Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	Gly	...	...	...
CBMP-2A	...	...	Arg	...	Pro	...	...	...
CBMP-2B	...	Arg	Arg	...	Ser	...	...	...
BMP3	...	Ala	Arg	Arg	Tyr	...	Lys	...
GDF-1	...	Arg	Ala	Arg	Arg	...	...	...
60A	...	Gln	Met	Glu	Thr	...	...	...
BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BMP6	...	Arg	...	...	...	...	...	...
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hOP-1	Ser	Phe	Arg	Asp	Leu	Gly	Trp	Gln	Asp
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	...	Gln	...	...	...	...	Leu	...
mOP-2	Ser	...	...	...	...	...	...	Leu	...
DPP	Asp	...	Ser	...	Val	...	...	Asp	...
Vgl	Glu	...	Lys	...	Val	...	...	...	Asn
Vgr-1	...	...	Gln	...	Val	...	...	...	...
CBMP-2A	Asp	...	Ser	...	Val	...	...	Asn	...
CBMP-2B	Asp	...	Ser	...	Val	...	...	Asn	...
BMP3	Asp	...	Ala	...	Ile	...	...	Ser	Glu
GDF-1	...	...	...	Glu	Val	...	...	His	Arg
60A	Asp	...	Lys	...	...	...	...	His	...

BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BMP6	...	...	Gln	...	...	...	...	...	...
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hOP-1	Trp	Ile	Ile	Ala	Pro	Glu	Gly	Tyr	Ala
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	Val	...	...	...	Gln	...	...	Ser
mOP-2	...	Val	...	...	...	Gln	...	...	Ser
DPP	...	...	Val	...	...	Leu	...	...	Asp
Vgl	...	Val	...	...	...	Gln	...	...	Met
Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	...	...	...
CBMP-2A	...	...	Val	...	...	Pro	...	...	His
CBMP-2B	...	...	Val	...	...	Pro	...	...	Gln
BMP3	...	...	...	Ser	...	Lys	Ser	Phe	Asp
GDF-1	...	Val	...	...	...	Arg	...	Phe	Leu
60A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gly
BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BMP6	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	...	...	...
			20					25	

hOP-1	Ala	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Glu	Gly	Glu	Cys	Ala
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ser
mOP-2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
DPP	...	...	...	...	His	...	Lys	...	Pro
Vgl	...	Asn	...	...	Tyr	...	...	...	Pro
Vgr-1	...	Asn	...	...	Asp	...	...	...	Ser
CBMP-2A	...	Phe	...	...	His	...	Glu	...	Pro
CBMP-2B	...	Phe	...	...	His	...	Asp	...	Pro
BMP3	...	...	...	...	Ser	...	Ala	...	Gln
GDF-1	...	Asn	...	...	Gln	...	Gln	...	...
60A	...	Phe	...	...	Ser	...	...	...	Asn
BMP5	...	Phe	...	...	Asp	...	...	...	Ser
BMP6	...	Asn	...	...	Asp	...	...	...	Ser
				30					35

hOP-1	Phe	Pro	Leu	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Met	Asn	Ala
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	...	...	Asp	...	Cys	...	...	...
mOP-2	...	...	...	Asp	...	Cys	...	...	...
DPP	...	...	...	Ala	Asp	His	Phe	...	Ser
Vgl	Tyr	...	...	Thr	Glu	Ile	Leu	...	Gly
Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	Ala	His	...	...	...
CBMP-2A	...	...	...	Ala	Asp	His	Leu	...	Ser
CBMP-2B	...	...	...	Ala	Asp	His	Leu	...	Ser
GDF-1	Leu	...	Val	Ala	Leu	Ser	Gly	Ser**	...
BMP3	...	...	Met	Pro	Lys	Ser	Leu	Lys	Pro
60A	...	...	...	...	Ala	His	...	...	...
BMP5	...	...	...	...	Ala	His	Met	...	...
BMP6	...	...	...	...	Ala	His	Met	...	...

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hOP-1	Thr	Asn	His	Ala	Ile	Val	Gln	Thr	Leu
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	...	...	...	...	Leu	...	Ser	...
mOP-2	...	...	...	...	...	Leu	...	Ser	...
DPP	...	...	...	...	Val	...	...	...	...
Vgl	Ser	...	...	...	...	Leu	...	...	...
Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CBMP-2A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CBMP-2B	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BMP3	Ser	...	...	...	Thr	Ile	...	Ser	Ile
GDF-1	Leu	...	...	...	Val	Leu	Arg	Ala	...
60A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BMP6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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hOP-1	Val	His	Phe	Ile	Asn	Pro	Glu	Thr	Val
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	Asp	...	...
hOP-2	...	His	Leu	Met	Lys	...	Asn	Ala	...
mOP-2	...	His	Leu	Met	Lys	...	Asp	Val	...
DPP	...	Asn	Asn	Asn	...	...	Gly	Lys	...
Vgl	...	...	Ser	...	Glu	...	...	Asp	Ile
Vgr-1	...	...	Val	Met	...	...	...	Tyr	...
CBMP-2A	...	Asn	Ser	Val	...	Ser	---	Lys	Ile
CBMP-2B	...	Asn	Ser	Val	...	Ser	---	Ser	Ile
BMP3	...	Arg	Ala**	Gly	Val	Val	Pro	Gly	Ile
GDF-1	Met	...	Ala	Ala	Ala	...	Gly	Ala	Ala
60A	...	...	Leu	Leu	Glu	...	Lys	Lys	...
BMP5	...	...	Leu	Met	Phe	...	Asp	His	...
BMP6	...	...	Leu	Met	...	...	...	Tyr	...
		55					60		

hOP-1	Pro	Lys	Pro	Cys	Cys	Ala	Pro	Thr	Gln
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	...	Ala	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
mOP-2	...	...	Ala	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
DPP	...	...	Ala	...	...	Val	...	...	...
Vgl	...	Leu	...	...	...	Val	...	...	Lys
Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
CBMP-2A	...	...	Ala	...	...	Val	...	...	Glu
CBMP-2B	...	...	Ala	...	...	Val	...	...	Glu
BMP3	...	Glu	...	...	...	Val	...	Glu	Lys
GDF-1	Asp	Leu	...	...	...	Val	...	Ala	Arg
60A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Arg
BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
BMP6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
			65					70	

hOP-1	Leu	Asn	Ala	Ile	Ser	Val	Leu	Tyr	Ph
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	Ser	...	Thr	...	...	...	...	Tyr
mOP-2	...	Ser	...	Thr	...	...	...	...	Tyr
Vgl	Met	Ser	Pro	...	...	Met	...	Phe	Tyr
Vgr-1	Val	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
DPP	...	Asp	Ser	Val	Ala	Met	...	...	Leu
CBMP-2A	...	Ser	...	...	...	Met	...	...	Leu
CBMP-2B	...	Ser	...	...	...	Met	...	...	Leu
BMP3	Met	Ser	Ser	Leu	...	Ile	...	Phe	Tyr
GDF-1	...	Ser	Pro	...	...	...	...	Phe	...
60A	...	Gly	...	Leu	Pro	...	...	...	His
BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BMP6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
				75					80

hOP-1	Asp	Asp	Ser	Ser	Asn	Val	Ile	Leu	Lys
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	Ser	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	Arg
mOP-2	...	Ser	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	Arg
DPP	Asn	...	Gln	...	Thr	...	Val	...	...
Vgl	...	Asn	Asn	Asp	...	...	Val	...	Arg
Vgr-1	...	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	...	...
CBMP-2A	...	Glu	Asn	Glu	Lys	...	Val	...	...
CBMP-2B	...	Glu	Tyr	Asp	Lys	...	Val	...	...
BMP3	...	Glu	Asn	Lys	...	...	Val	...	...
GDF-1	...	Asn	...	Asp	...	...	Val	...	Arg
60A	Leu	Asn	Asp	Glu	...	...	Asn	...	...
BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BMP6	...	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	...	...
					85				

hOP-1	Lys	Tyr	Arg	Asn	Met	Val	Val	Arg
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	His	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
mOP-2	...	His	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
DPP	Asn	...	Gln	Glu	...	Thr	...	Val
Vgl	His	...	Glu	...	...	Ala	...	Asp
Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CBMP-2A	Asn	...	Gln	Asp	...	...	...	Glu
CBMP-2B	Asn	...	Gln	Glu	...	...	...	Glu
BMP3	Val	...	Pro	...	...	Thr	...	Glu
GDF-1	Gln	...	Glu	Asp	...	...	...	Asp
60A	...	...	...	...	...	Ile	...	Lys
BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BMP6	...	...	...	Trp	...	...	...	...
	90					95		

hOP-1	Ala	Cys	Gly	Cys	His
mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...
hOP-2	...	...	...	...	...
mOP-2	...	...	...	...	...
DPP	Gly	...	...	...	Arg
Vgl	Glu	...	...	...	Arg
Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...
CBMP-2A	Gly	...	...	...	Arg
CBMP-2B	Gly	...	...	...	Arg
BMP3	Ser	...	Ala	...	Arg
GDF-1	Glu	...	...	...	Arg
60A	Ser	...	...	...	...
BMP5	Ser	...	...	...	...
BMP6	...	...	...	...	...
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**Between residues 56 and 57 of BMP3 is a Val residue; between residues 43 and 44 of GDF-1 lies the amino acid sequence Gly-Gly-Pro-Pro.

As is apparent from the foregoing amino acid sequence comparisons, significant amino acid changes can be made within the generic sequences while retaining the morphogenic activity. For example, while the GDF-1 protein sequence depicted in Table II shares only about 50% amino acid identity with the hOP1 sequence described therein, the GDF-1 sequence shares greater than 70% amino acid sequence homology (or "similarity") with the hOP1 sequence, where "homology" or "similarity" includes allowed conservative amino acid changes within the sequence as defined by Dayoff, et al., Atlas of Protein Sequence and Structure vol.5, supp.3, pp.345-362, (M.O. Dayoff, ed., Nat'l BioMed. Res. Fd'n, Washington D.C. 1979.)

The currently most preferred protein sequences detectable as morphogens in this invention include those having greater than 60% identity, preferably greater than 65% identity, with the amino acid sequence defining the conserved six cysteine skeleton of hOP1 (e.g., residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5). These most preferred sequences include both allelic and species variants of the OP-1 and OP-2 proteins, including the Drosophila 60A protein. Accordingly, in still another preferred aspect, the invention includes detection of morphogens comprising species of polypeptide chains having the generic amino acid sequence referred to herein as "OPX", which defines the seven cysteine skeleton and accommodates the identities between the various identified mouse and human OP1 and OP2 proteins. OPX is presented in Seq. ID No. 29. As described therein, each Xaa at a given position

independently is selected from the residues occurring at the corresponding position in the C-terminal sequence of mouse or human OP1 or OP2 (see Seq. ID Nos. 5-8 and/or Seq. ID Nos. 16-23).

3. Tissue-Specific Expression of OP-1

Once a morphogen is identified in a tissue, its level may be determined either at the protein or nucleic acid level. By comparing the levels of production of a given morphogen among different tissues, it is possible to determine the tissue(s) of origin of that morphogen. The level of production of the morphogen OP-1 in different tissues is one example of a morphogen having a tissue of origin, i.e., the kidney, which contains a cell type that can also be used as the cell type which is used to screen, according to the invention, different compounds for their potential effects on morphogen (OP-1) production.

The level of OP-1 varies among different tissue types. In order to screen compounds for their effect on the production of OP-1 by a given cell type, it may be desirable to determine which tissues produce levels of OP-1 which are sufficiently high to show a potential decrease and sufficiently low to show a potential increase in production. Different tissues may be screened at the RNA level as follows.

Any probe capable of hybridizing specifically to a transcript, and distinguishing the transcript of interest from other, related transcripts may be used. Because the morphogens to be detected in the methods of this invention share such high sequence homology in their C-terminal domain, the tissue distribution of a specific morphogen transcript may best be determined using a probe specific

for the "pro" region of the immature protein and/or the N-terminal heterogenous region of the mature protein. Another useful probe sequence is the 3'non-coding region immediately following the stop codon. These portions of the sequence vary substantially among the morphogens of this invention, and accordingly, are specific for each protein. For example, a particularly useful Vgr-1-specific probe sequence is the PvuII-SacI fragment, a 265 bp fragment encoding both a portion of the pro region and the N-terminus of the mature sequence. Similarly, particularly useful mOP-1-specific probe sequences are the BstXI-BglI fragment, a 0.68kb sequence that covers approximately two-thirds of the mOP1 pro region; a StuI-StuI fragment, a 0.2 kb sequence immediately upstream of the 7-cysteine domain, and an EarI-PstI fragment, a 0.3kb fragment containing the 3'untranslated sequence. Similar approaches may be used, for example, with hOP-1 (SEQ. ID NO.16) or human or mouse OP-2 (SEQ. ID NOS.20 and 22).

Using morphogen-specific oligonucleotides probes, morphogen transcripts can be identified in mammalian tissues, using standard methodologies well known to those having ordinary skill in the art. Briefly, total RNA from mouse embryos and organs from post-natal animals is prepared using the acid guanidine thiocyanate-phenol-chloroform method (Chomczynski et al., Anal. Biochem. 162:156-159, 1987). The RNA may be dissolved in TES buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% SDS, pH 7.5) and treated with Proteinase K (approx. 1.5 mg per g tissue sample) at 45°C for 1 hr. Poly(A)$^+$ RNA selection on oligo(dT)-cellulose (Type 7, Pharmacia LKB Biotechnology Inc., Piscataway, NJ) may be done in a batch procedure by mixing 0.1 g oligo(dT)-cellulose with 11 ml RNA solution (from 1 g

tissue) in TES buffer and 0.5 M NaCl). Th r after th oligo(dT) cellulose is washed in binding buffer (0.5 M NaCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.5) and poly(A)$^+$ RNA is eluted with water. Poly(A)$^+$ RNA (5 or 15 μg/lane) is fractionated on 1 or 1.2% agarose-formaldehyde gels (Selden, in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Ausubel et al. eds., pp. 1-4, 8, 9, Greene Publishing and Wiley-Interscience, New York, 1991). 1 μl of 400 μg/ml ethidium bromide is added to each sample prior to heat denaturation (Rosen et al., Focus 12:23-24, 1990). Following electrophoresis, the gels are photographed and the RNA is blotted overnight onto Nytran nitrocellulose membranes (Schleicher & Schuell Inc., Keene, NH) with 10 x SSC. The membranes are baked at 80°C for 30-60 min. and irradiated with UV light (1 mW/cm^2 for 25 sec.). The Northern hybridization conditions may be as previously described (Ozkaynak et al., EMBO J. 9:2085-2093, 1990). For re-use, the filters may be deprobed in 1 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% SDS, pH 7.5, at 90-95°C and exposed to film to assure complete removal of previous hybridization signals.

One probe which may be used to screen for transcripts encoding a morphogen includes a portion of or the complete OP-1 cDNA, which may be used to detect the presence of OP-1 mRNA or mRNAs of related morphogens. The sequence of the murine cDNA gene is set forth in SEQ ID NO:14.

OP-1 mRNA expression was analyzed in 17 day mouse embryos and 3 day post-natal mice by sequentially hybridizing filters with various probes. Probes from regions other than the highly conserved 7-cysteine domain were selected because this region is highly variable among

members f the TGF-β superfamily. Fig. 1 shows the fragments of OP-1, us d as prob s in the Northern hybridizations. The solid box indicates the putative signal peptide and the hatched box corresponds to the TGF-β-like domain that contains the seven cysteine residues. Asterisks indicate the potential N-glycosylation sites. The arrow marks the location of the cleavage site for OP-1 maturation. Three solid bars below the diagram indicate the OP-1 specific fragments used in making ^{32}P-labeled probes (0.68 kb BstXI - BglI fragment, 0.20 kb StuI - StuI fragment and 0.34 kb EarI - PstI non-coding fragment).

Hybridization with a probe that covers approximately two thirds of the pro region (the 0.68 kb BstXI-BglI fragment), reveals a 4 kb message and 3 messages at 1.8 kb, 2.2 kb and 2.4 kb (Fig. 2B and D, and Fig. 3). In the Northern hybridization of Fig. 2, equal amounts (15 μg) of poly(A)$^+$ RNA were loaded into each lane, electrophoresed on a 1% agarose-formaldehyde gel, blotted and hybridized. A 0.24 - 9.49 kb RNA ladder (Bethesda Research Labs, Inc.) was used as size standard. The same filter was used for sequential hybridizations with labeled probes specific for OP-1 (Panels B and D), Vgr-1 (Panel C), and EF-Tu (Panel A). Panel A: the EF-Tu specific probe (a control) was the 0.4 kb HindIII-SacI fragment (part of the coding region), the SacI site used belonged to the vector; Panel B: the OP-1 specific probe was the 0.68 kb BstXI-BglI fragment (two thirds of the pro region and upstream sequences of the mature domain, not including any sequences from the 7-cysteine domain); Panel C: the Vgr-1 specific probe was the 0.26 kb PvuII-SacI fragment (part of the pro region and the amino-terminal sequences of the mature

domain, including the first cysteine) (Ly ns t al., 1989, Proc. Nat. Aca. Sci. 86: 4554, hereby incorporated by reference). Panel D: the OP-1 (3' flanking) specific probe was the 0.34 kb EarI-PstI fragment (3' untranslated sequences immediately following the sequences encoding OP-1).

In Fig. 3, the tissues to be used for RNA preparation were obtained from two week old mice (Panel A) or 5 week old mice (Panel B), with the exception of poly A+ RNA which was obtained from kidney adrenal gland of two week old mice (Panel B). Equal amounts of poly A+ RNA (15 μg for Panel A and 5 μg for Panel B) were loaded into each well. After electrophoresis (1.2% agarose-formaldehyde gels) and blotting, RNA was hybridized to the OP-1 specific 3' flanking probe described in the legend of Fig. 2 (Panel D). The 0.24-9.5 kb RNA ladder was used as size standard. The arrowheads indicate the OP-1 specific messages. The lower section of Panels A and B show the hybridization pattern obtained with the EF-Tu specific probe (a control).

Although the size of the Vgr-1 specific message is close to the 4 kb OP-1 species (Fig. 2 Panel C), the OP-1 4 kb mRNA is somewhat larger. To further rule out cross-hybridization with a non-OP-1 message, the 0.2 kb StuI-StuI fragment which represents the gene specific sequences immediately upstream of those encoding the 7-cysteine domain was used. This probe gave a hybridization pattern similar to the one shown in Fig. 2 Panel B (data not shown). A third probe, the 0.34 kb EarI-PstI fragment containing 3' untranslated sequences, also confirmed the pattern (Fig. 2 Panel D). Thus, the same four OP-1 specific messages were observed with three distinct probes.

The appearance of a new 4 kb OP-1 mRNA species was initially interpreted as cross hybridization of the OP-1 probe with Vgr-1 mRNA, which is approximately this size (Fig. 2 Panel C). However, the 4 kb message was detected with three different OP-1 specific probes, including one specific to the 3' untranslated region, and moreover it was separated from Vgr-1 message on the basis of size. Most likely, therefore, the 4 kb mRNA (and the three species of 1.8 kb, 2.2 kb and 2.4 kb) results from alternative splicing of OP-1 transcripts. The 4 kb OP-1 mRNA could also represent a bicistronic mRNA. The 4 kb message is a minor species in kidney, while it is more prominent in adrenal tissue.

The level of OP-1 expression was compared in different tissues using poly(A)$^+$ RNA prepared from brain, spleen, lung, kidney and adrenal gland, heart, and liver of 13 day post-natal mice. The RNA was analyzed on Northern blots by hybridization to various probes (Fig. 3. Equal amounts of mRNA, as judged by optical density, were fractionated on agarose formaldehyde gels. Ethidium bromide staining of the gels revealed some residual ribosomal RNA in addition to the mRNA and provided another assurance that the mRNA was not degraded and that there was not significant quantitative or qualitative variation in the preparation. As control for mRNA recovery, EF-Tu (translational elongation factor) mRNA was probed (assuming uniform expression of EF-Tu in most tissues). A great variation in the level of OP-1 expression was observed in spleen, lung, kidney and adrenal tissues whereas EF-Tu mRNA levels appeared relatively constant in these tissues (Fig. 3 Panel A). The highest level of OP-1 mRNA was found in the kidneys. Uniformly lower levels of EF-Tu mRNA were

found in brain, heart and liver (Fig. 3 Panel A). Additional analysis of OP-1 mRNA showed the presence of significant amounts of OP-1 mRNA in the bladder (data not shown). In summary, next to kidney, bladder and adrenal tissue, brain tissue contained the highest levels of OP-1 RNA, whereas heart and liver did not give detectable signals.

OP-1 mRNA patterns display qualitative changes in the various tissues. Of the four messages found in brain, the 2.2 kb message is most abundant whereas in lung and spleen the 1.8 kb message predominates. Levels of the 1.8-2.4 kb in the kidney OP-1 mRNA are approximately two times higher in 3 day post-natal mice than in 17 day embryos, perhaps reflecting phases in bone and/or kidney development. mRNA was also prepared from carefully separated renal and adrenal tissues of 5 week old mice. Northern blot analysis (Figure 4, Panel B) revealed that the high levels of 2.2 kb mRNA were derived from renal tissue whereas the 4 kb mRNA was more prominent in adrenal tissue.

The detection of of OP-1 message primarily in the kidney but also in bladder links OP-1 expression specifically with the urinary tract. Interestingly, the related Vgr-1 is also expressed at significant levels in kidney although its main site of expression in lung.

Once the tissue-specific expression of a given morphogen is known, cell types known to exist in that tissue or cell lines derived from that tissue can be screened, in a similar manner, to identify the cell type within that tissue that is actually responsible for the tissue specific synthesis and secretion of the morphogen. Once a cell type which produces the morphogen in an amount

sufficient to detect increases or decreases in the production level of the morphogen upon exposure to a compound is identified, it may be used in tissue culture assay to rapidly screen for the ability of compound to upregulate or down regulate the synthesis and secretion of the morphogen. The level of morphogen production by the chosen cell type is determined with and without incubating the cell in culture with the compound, in order to assess the effects of the compound on the cell's ability to synthesize or secrete the morphogen. This can be accomplished by detection of the level of production of the morphogen either at the protein or mRNA level.

4. Growth of Cells in Culture

Cell cultures derived from kidney, adrenals, urinary bladder, brain, or other organs, may be prepared as described widely in the literature. For example, kidneys may be explanted from neonatal, new born, young or adult rodents (mouse or rat) and used in organ culture as whole or sliced (1-4 mm) tissues. Primary tissue cultures and established cell lines, also derived from kidney, adrenals, urinary, bladder, brain, or other tissues may be established in multiwell plates (6 well, 24 well, or 96 well) according to conventional cell culture techniques, and are cultured in the absence or presence of serum for a period of time (1-7 days). Cells may be cultured, for example, in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle medium (Gibco, Long Island, NY) containing serum (e.g., fetal calf serum at 1%-10%, Gibco) or in serum-deprived medium, as desired, or in defined medium (e.g., containing insulin, transferrin, glucose, albumin, or other growth factors).

Samples f r testing the level of morphogen production include culture supernatants or cell lysates, collected periodically and evaluated for OP-1 production by immunoblot analysis of a portion of the cell culture itself, collected periodically and used to prepare polyA+ RNA for RNA analysis (Sambrook et al., eds., Molecular Cloning, 1989, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY). To monitor de novo OP-1 synthesis, some cultures are labeled with ^{35}S-methionine/^{35}S-cysteine mixture for 6-24 hours and then evaluated for morphogen production by conventional immunoprecipitation methods (Sambrook et al., eds., Molecular Cloning, 1989, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY). Alternatively, the production of morphogen or determination of the level of morphogen production may be ascertained using a simple assay for a parameter of cell growth, e.g., cellular proliferation or death. For example, where a morphogen is produced by a cultured cell line, the addition of antibody specific for the morphogen may result in relief from morphogen inhibition of cell growth. Thus, measurement of cellular proliferation can be used as an indication of morphogen production by a tissue.

5. Determination of Level of Morphogenic Protein

In order to quantitate the production of a morphogenic protein by a cell type, an immunoassay may be performed to detect the morphogen using a polyclonal or monoclonal antibody specific for that morphogen. For example, OP-1 may be detected using a polyclonal antibody specific for OP-1 in an ELISA, as follows.

1 μg/100 ul of affinity-purified polyclonal rabbit IgG specific for OP-1 is added to each well of a 96-well

plate and incubat d at 37°C for an hour. The w lls are washed four times with 0.16M sodium borate buffer with 0.15 M NaCl (BSB), pH 8.2, containing 0.1% Tween 20. To minimize non-specific binding, the wells are blocked by filling completely with 1% bovine serum albumin (BSA) in BSB for 1 hour at 37°C. The wells are then washed four times with BSB containing 0.1% Tween 20. A 100 ul aliquot of an appropriate dilution of each of the test samples of cell culture supernatant is added to each well in triplicate and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. After incubation, 100 ul biotinylated rabbit anti-OP-1 serum (stock solution is about 1 mg/ml and diluted 1:400 in BSB containing 1% BSA before use) is added to each well and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. The wells are then washed four times with BSB containing 0.1% Tween 20. 100 ul strepavidin-alkaline (Southern Biotechnology Associates, Inc. Birmingham, Alabama, diluted 1:2000 in BSB containing 0.1% Tween 20 before use) is added to each well and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. The plates are washed four times with 0.5M Tris buffered Saline (TBS), pH 7.2. 50ul substrate (ELISA Amplification System Kit, Life Technologies, Inc., Bethesda, MD) are added to each well incubated at room temperature for 15 min. Then, 50 ul amplifier (from the same amplification system kit) is added and incubated for another 15 min at room temperature. The reaction is stopped by the addition of 50 ul 0.3 M sulphuric acid. The OD at 490 nm of the solution in each well is recorded. To quantitate OP-1 in culture media, a OP-1 standard curve is performed in parallel with the test samples.

6. Preparation of Polyclonal Antibody

Polyclonal antibody is prepared as follows. Each rabbit is given a primary immunization of 100 ug/500 ul E. coli-produced OP-1 monomer (amino acids 328-431 of SEQ. ID NO: 11) in 0.1% SDS mixed with 500 ul Complete Freund's Adjuvant. The antigen is injected subcutaneously at multiple sites on the back and flanks of the animal. The rabbit is boosted after a month in the same manner using incomplete Freund's Adjuvant. Test bleeds are taken from the ear vein seven days later. Two additional boosts and test bleeds are performed at monthly intervals until antibody against OP-1 is detected in the serum using an ELISA assay. Then, the rabbit is boosted monthly with 100 ug of antigen and bled (15 ml per bleed) at days seven and ten after boosting.

7. Preparation of Monoclonal Antibody and Neutralizing Monoclonal Antibody

Monoclonal antibody specific for a given morphogen may be prepared as follows. A mouse is given two injections of E. coli produced OP-1 monomer (amino acids 328-431 in SEQ ID NO:11). The first injection contains 100ug of OP-1 in complete Freund's adjuvant and is given subcutaneously. The second injection contains 50 ug of OP-1 in incomplete adjuvant and is given intraperitoneally. The mouse then receives a total of 230 ug of OP-1 (amino acids 307-431 of SEQ ID NO:11) in four intraperitoneal injections at various times over an eight month period. One week prior to fusion, The mouse is boosted intraperitoneally with 100 ug of OP-1 (15-139) and 30 ug of the N-terminal peptide (Ser293-Asn309-Cys) conjugated through the added cys residue to bovine serum albumin with

SMCC cr sslinking agent. This boost is repeated five days (IP), four days (IP), three days (IP) and one day (IV) prior to fusion. The mouse spleen cells are then fused to myeloma (e.g., 653) cells at a ratio of 1:1 using PEG 1500 (Boehringer Mannheim), and the cell fusion is plated and screened for OP-1-specific antibodies using OP-1 (307-431) as antigen. The cell fusion and monoclonal screening are according to procedures widely available in the art. The neutralizing monoclonal is identified by its ability to block the biological activity of OP-1 when added to a cellular assay which responds biologically to added OP-1.

8. Identification of OP-1 Producing Cell Line Which Displays OP-1 Surface Receptors

During the process of routinely testing the effects of increasing concentrations of OP-1 and TGF-ß on the proliferation of various cell lines, a cell line was identified which, surprising, appears not only to synthesize and secrete OP-1, but also to display cell surface receptors to which the secreted OP-1 binds and acts to inhibit proliferation of the cells. This cell line was identified after the following observations.Addition of increasing concentrations of OP-1 or TGF-ß failed to increase or decrease the relatively low basal rate of proliferation of the cells. However, addition of a monoclonal antibody, which neutralizes the activity of Op-1, resulted in a large increase in the proliferation of the cells. In addition, simultaneous addition of the same quantity of OP-1 neutralizing monoclonal to a fixed amount of OP-1 resulted in an increase in proliferation which was intermediate between the low

basal level observ d with OP-1 alone and th high l v l observed with the monoclonal alone.This cell line, which is an epithelial cell line that was derived from a bladder cell carcinoma, may be used in an assay of the invention. The parameter to be tested according to the invention is cellular proliferation. Thus, a compound(s) that increases or decreases the level of OP-1 production may be tested on this cell line as follows..

9. Assay for Identifying Drugs Which Affect OP-1 Synthesis

A simple medium flux screening assay can be configured in a standard 24 or 96 well microtiter dishe, in which each well contains a constant number of a cell line having the characteristics described above. Increasing concentrations of an OP-I neutralizing monoclonal antibody is added from left to right across the dish. A constant amount of different test substances is added from top to bottom on the dish. An increase in the synthesis and secretion of OP-1 (over its constitutive (non-induced) level) will be indicated by an increase in the amount of OP-1 neutralizing antibody required to release the cells from the antimitogenic activity of OP-1. A decrease in the synthesis and secretion of OP-1 (below its constitutive (repressed) level) will be indicated by the observation that decreased concentrations of the OP-1 neutralizing monoclonal antibody will be required to release the cells from the antimitogenic activity of OP-1. One of the major advantages of this assay is that the end point, i.e., the dilution of antibody which has an effect on cell proliferation, is a measure of mitosis, or an increase in

the number of cells per well. Because several c nvenient and rapid assays exist for quantitating cell numbers, this assay is faster and requires significantly fewer steps to perform.

The assay may be performed as follows. After addition of appropriate concentrations of the OP-1 neutralizing monoclonal antibody and test substances to the wells containing the cells, the dishes are placed in an incubator at 37°C for a period of 1-3 days. After completion of incubation/growth period, the dishes are removed and the cells in the individual wells are washed and stained with a vital stain, such as crystal violet. Washing and staining procedures are well-known in the art. The cells are then lysed and the stain dissolved in a constant amount of a solvent, such as ethanol. Quantitations of the dissolved stain, which is readily performed on an automated plate vendor, allows for direct quantitation of the number of cells in each well.

The above-described assay has the advantages of being rapid and easy to perform becaue it requires few steps. Another advantage is intrinsic to the assay; drugs which are screened according to this procedure that result in cell death (i.e., cytotoxic substances) are immediately, identifiable without the need of operator observation. In addition, although drugs that stop the growth of the cells (i.e., cytostatic substances) are scored as positive due to failure to see increases in cell numbers, they are automatically scored as suspect due to the failure of the highest concentrations of OP-1 neutralizing monoclonal antibody to release the cells from the antimitogenic activity of OP-1.

10. Candidate Drugs to Scr en

The screening methods of the invention is used to test compounds for their effect on the production of morphogenic protein by a given cell type. Examples of compounds which may be screened include but are not limited to chemicals, biological response modifiers (e.g., lymphokines, cytokines, hormones, or vitamins), plant extracts, microbial broths and extracts medium conditioned by eukaryotic cells, body fluids, or tissue extracts.

The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof. The present embodiments are therefore to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are therefore intended to be embraced therein.

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 97 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acids
(C) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME: Generic Sequence 1
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Each Xaa indicates one of the 20 naturally-occurring L-isomer, α-amino acids or a derivative thereof.
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:1:

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40 45 50
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55 60
Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
65 70
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
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85 90
Xaa Cys Xaa
95

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

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(B) TYPE: amino acids
(C) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
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(A) NAME: Generic Sequence 2
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Each Xaa indicates one of the 20 naturally-occurring L-isomer, α-amino acids or a derivative thereof.
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
10 15
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa
20 25
Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa
30 35
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40 45 50
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
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Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
65 70
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
75 80
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85 90
Xaa Cys Xaa
95

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
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(B) TYPE: amino acids
(C) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME: Generic Sequence 3
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined in the specification.

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:3:

Leu Tyr Val Xaa Phe
1 5
Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa
10
Xaa Ala Pro Gly Xaa Xaa Xaa Ala
15 20
Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa
25 30
Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
35
Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa
40 45
Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
50
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
55 60
Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
65

Xaa Xaa Xaa L u Xaa Xaa Xaa
70 75
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa
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Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
85 90
Xaa Cys Gly Cys Xaa
95

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acids
(C) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME: Generic Sequence 4
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined in the specification.

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

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1 5 10
Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa
15
Xaa Ala Pro Xaa Gly Xaa Xaa Ala
20 25
Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa
30 35
Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
40

Asn Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa
45 50
Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
55
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
60 65
Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
70
Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa
75 80
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa
85
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
90 95
Xaa Cys Gly Cys Xaa
100

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 139 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acids
(C) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME: hOP-1 (mature form)
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

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1 5
Asn Arg Ser Lys Thr Pro Lys Asn Gln
10 15
Glu Ala Leu Arg Met Ala Asn Val Ala
20 25
Glu Asn Ser Ser Ser Asp Gln Arg Gln
30 35

Ala Cys Lys Lys His Glu Leu Tyr Val
40 45
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Trp Ile Ile Ala Pro Glu Gly Tyr Ala
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Phe Pro Leu Asn Ser Tyr Met Asn Ala
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85 90
Val His Phe Ile Asn Pro Glu Thr Val
95
Pro Lys Pro Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Gln
100 105
Leu Asn Ala Ile Ser Val Leu Tyr Phe
110 115
Asp Asp Ser Ser Asn Val Ile Leu Lys
120 125
Lys Tyr Arg Asn Met Val Val Arg Ala
130 135
Cys Gly Cys His

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 139 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: mOP-1 (mature form)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

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	20					25		
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		30					35	
Ala	Cys	Lys	Lys	His	Glu	Leu	Tyr	Val
			40					45
Ser	Phe	Arg	Asp	Leu	Gly	Trp	Gln	Asp
				50				
Trp	Ile	Ile	Ala	Pro	Glu	Gly	Tyr	Ala
55					60			
Ala	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Glu	Gly	Glu	Cys	Ala
	65					70		
Phe	Pro	Leu	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Met	Asn	Ala
		75					80	
Thr	Asn	His	Ala	Ile	Val	Gln	Thr	Leu
			85					90
Val	His	Phe	Ile	Asn	Pro	Asp	Thr	Val
				95				
Pro	Lys	Pro	Cys	Cys	Ala	Pro	Thr	Gln
100					105			
Leu	Asn	Ala	Ile	Ser	Val	Leu	Tyr	Phe
	110					115		

Asp Asp Ser Ser Asn Val Ile Leu Lys
120 125
Lys Tyr Arg Asn Met Val Val Arg Ala
130 135
Cys Gly Cys His

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(B) TYPE: amino acids
(C) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME: hOP-2 (mature form)
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Ala Val Arg Pro Leu Arg Arg Arg Gln
1 5
Pro Lys Lys Ser Asn Glu Leu Pro Gln
10 15
Ala Asn Arg Leu Pro Gly Ile Phe Asp
20 25
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40 45
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Phe Pro Leu Asp Ser Cys Met Asn Ala
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Thr Asn His Ala Ile Leu Gln Ser Leu
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     110                       115
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Lys  His  Arg  Asn  Met  Val  Val  Lys  Ala
               130                       135
Cys  Gly  Cys  His
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 139 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: mOP-2 (mature form)

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 10                      15
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     20                      25
Asp  Gly  His  Gly  Ser  Arg  Gly  Arg  Glu
          30                      35
Val  Cys  Arg  Arg  His  Glu  Leu  Tyr  Val
               40                      45
Ser  Phe  Arg  Asp  Leu  Gly  Trp  Leu  Asp
                    50
Trp  Val  Ile  Ala  Pro  Gln  Gly  Tyr  Ser
 55                      60
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Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Glu Gly Glu Cys Ala
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Phe Pro Leu Asp Ser Cys Met Asn Ala
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Thr Asn His Ala Ile Leu Gln Ser Leu
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100 105
Leu Ser Ala Thr Ser Val Leu Tyr Tyr
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Cys Gly Cys His

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(A) LENGTH: 96 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: CBMP-2A(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

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Cys Lys Arg His Pro Leu Tyr Val Asp Phe Ser
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Asp Val Gly Trp Asn Asp Trp Ile Val Ala Pro
            15                  20
Pro Gly Tyr His Ala Phe Tyr Cys His Gly Glu
        25                  30
Cys Pro Phe Pro Leu Ala Asp His Leu Asn Ser
    35                  40
Thr Asn His Ala Ile Val Gln Thr Leu Val Asn
45                  50                  55
Ser Val Asn Ser Lys Ile Pro Lys Ala Cys Cys
                60                  65
Val Pro Thr Glu Leu Ser Ala Ile Ser Met Leu
            70                  75
Tyr Leu Asp Glu Asn Glu Lys Val Val Leu Lys
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    90                  95
Cys Arg
100
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 101 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: CBMP-2B(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

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                                Cys Arg Arg His Ser
                                 1               5
Leu Tyr Val Asp Phe Ser Asp Val Gly Trp Asn
                            10                  15
Asp Trp Ile Val Ala Pro Pro Gly Tyr Gln Ala
                        20                  25
Phe Tyr Cys His Gly Asp Cys Pro Phe Pro Leu
                    30                  35
Ala Asp His Leu Asn Ser Thr Asn His Ala Ile
                40                  45
Val Gln Thr Leu Val Asn Ser Val Asn Ser Ser
            50                  55                  60
Ile Pro Lys Ala Cys Cys Val Pro Thr Glu Leu
                        65                  70
Ser Ala Ile Ser Met Leu Tyr Leu Asp Glu Tyr
                    75                  80
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            95                  100
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: DPP(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

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  1               5                  10
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             15                  20
Leu Gly Tyr Asp Ala Tyr Tyr Cys His Gly Lys
         25                  30
Cys Pro Phe Pro Leu Ala Asp His Phe Asn Ser
     35                  40
Thr Asn His Ala Val Val Gln Thr Leu Val Asn
 45                  50                  55
Asn Asn Asn Pro Gly Lys Val Pro Lys Ala Cys
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Cys Val Pro Thr Gln Leu Asp Ser Val Ala Met
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Leu Tyr Leu Asn Asp Gln Ser Thr Val Val Leu
         80                  85
Lys Asn Tyr Gln Glu Met Thr Val Val Gly Cys
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100
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Vgl(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

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Cys Lys Lys Arg His Leu Tyr Val Glu Phe Lys
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Asp Val Gly Trp Gln Asn Trp Val Ile Ala Pro
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        25                  30
Cys Pro Tyr Pro Leu Thr Glu Ile Leu Asn Gly
    35                  40
Ser Asn His Ala Ile Leu Gln Thr Leu Val His
45                  50                  55
Ser Ile Glu Pro Glu Asp Ile Pro Leu Pro Cys
                60                  65
Cys Val Pro Thr Lys Met Ser Pro Ile Ser Met
            70                  75
Leu Phe Tyr Asp Asn Asn Asp Asn Val Val Leu
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Arg His Tyr Glu Asn Met Ala Val Asp Glu Cys
    90                  95
Gly Cys Arg
100
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Vgr-1(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

Cys Lys Lys His Glu Leu Tyr Val Ser Phe Gln
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25 30
Cys Ser Phe Pro Leu Asn Ala His Met Asn Ala
35 40
Thr Asn His Ala Ile Val Gln Thr Leu Val His
45 50 55
Val Met Asn Pro Glu Tyr Val Pro Lys Pro Cys
60 65
Cys Ala Pro Thr Lys Val Asn Ala Ile Ser Val
70 75
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Lys Lys Tyr Arg Asn Met Val Val Arg Ala Cys
90 95
Gly Cys His
100

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

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(A) LENGTH: 106 amino acids
(B) TYPE: protein
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: human
(F) TISSUE TYPE: BRAIN

(ix) FEATURE:
(D) OTHER INFORMATION:
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45 50 55

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90 95 100

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105

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(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: HOMO SAPIENS
(F) TISSUE TYPE: HIPPOCAMPUS

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 49..1341
(D) OTHER INFORMATION:/standard_name= "hOP1"

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Glu Val His Ser Ser Phe Ile His Arg Arg Leu Arg Ser Gln Glu Arg
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Asp Ser Arg Thr Leu Trp Ala Ser Glu Glu Gly Trp Leu Val Phe Asp
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Ile Thr Ala Thr Ser Asn His Trp Val Val Asn Pro Arg His Asn Leu
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Gly Leu Gln Leu Ser Val Glu Thr Leu Asp Gly Gln Ser Ile Asn Pro
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AAG TTG GCG GGC CTG ATT GGG CGG CAC GGG CCC CAG AAC AAG CAG CCC      873
Lys Leu Ala Gly Leu Ile Gly Arg His Gly Pro Gln Asn Lys Gln Pro
260                 265                 270                 275
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Lys Asn Gln Glu Ala Leu Arg Met Ala Asn Val Ala Glu Asn Ser Ser
        310                 315                 320

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Asn Ala Thr Asn His Ala Ile Val Gln Thr Leu Val His Phe Ile Asn
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        390                 395                 400

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GCATAAAGAA AAATGGCCGG GCCAGGTCAT TGGCTGGGAA GTCTCAGCCA TGCACGGACT     1651

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 431 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /Product="OP1-PP"

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Pro His Arg Pro Arg Pro His Leu Gln Gly Lys His Asn Ser Ala Pro
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Thr Gln Gly Pro Pro Leu Ala Ser Leu Gln Asp Ser His Phe Leu Thr
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195 200 205

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210 215 220

Val Phe Asp Ile Thr Ala Thr Ser Asn His Trp Val Val Asn Pro Arg
225 230 235 240

His Asn Leu Gly Leu Gln Leu Ser Val Glu Thr Leu Asp Gly Gln Ser
245 250 255

Ile Asn Pro Lys Leu Ala Gly Leu Ile Gly Arg His Gly Pro Gln Asn
260 265 270

Lys Gln Pro Phe Met Val Ala Phe Phe Lys Ala Thr Glu Val His Phe
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Arg Ser Ile Arg Ser Thr Gly Ser Lys Gln Arg Ser Gln Asn Arg Ser
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305 310 315 320

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325 330 335

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340 345 350

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 1873 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: MURIDAE
(F) TISSUE TYPE: EMBRYO

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(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 104..1393
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "MOP1 (CDNA)"

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Ser Leu Arg Ala Ala Ala Pro His Ser Phe Val Ala Leu Trp Ala Pro
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CGC CCG CAC CTC CAG GGA AAG CAT AAT TCG GCG CCC ATG TTC ATG TTG      355
Arg Pro His Leu Gln Gly Lys His Asn Ser Ala Pro Met Phe Met Leu
     70                  75                  80

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Met Ser Phe Val Asn Leu Val Glu His Asp Lys Glu Phe Phe His Pro
        135                 140                 145
CGA TAC CAC CAT CGG GAG TTC CGG TTT GAT CTT TCC AAG ATC CCC GAG          595
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    150                 155                 160

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    390                 395                 400

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20) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:

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(A) LENGTH: 430 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /product= "mOP1-PP"

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Pro His Arg Pro Arg Pro His Leu Gln Gly Lys His Asn Ser Ala Pro
65                  70                  75                  80

Met Phe Met Leu Asp Leu Tyr Asn Ala Met Ala Val Glu Glu Ser Gly
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Pro Asp Gly Gln Gly Phe Ser Tyr Pro Tyr Lys Ala Val Phe Ser Thr
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Gln Gly Pro Pro Leu Ala Ser Leu Gln Asp Ser His Phe Leu Thr Asp
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Ala Asp Met Val Met Ser Phe Val Asn Leu Val Glu His Asp Lys Glu
    130                 135                 140

Phe Phe His Pro Arg Tyr His His Arg Glu Phe Arg Phe Asp Leu Ser
145                 150                 155                 160

Lys Ile Pro Glu Gly Glu Arg Val Thr Ala Ala Glu Phe Arg Ile Tyr
                165                 170                 175

Lys Asp Tyr Ile Arg Glu Arg Phe Asp Asn Glu Thr Phe Gln Ile Thr
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

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(A) LENGTH: 1723 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii)MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(vi)ORIGINAL SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: Homo sapiens
(F) TISSUE TYPE: HIPPOCAMPUS

(ix)FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 490..1696
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "hOP2 (cDNA)"

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Arg Arg Gln Pro Lys Lys Ser Asn Glu Leu Pro Gln Ala Asn Arg Leu
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Pro Gly Ile Phe Asp Asp Val His Gly Ser His Gly Arg Gln Val Cys
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CGT CGG CAC GAG CTC TAC GTC AGC TTC CAG GAC CTC GGC TGG CTG GAC      1440
Arg Arg His Glu Leu Tyr Val Ser Phe Gln Asp Leu Gly Trp Leu Asp
            305                 310                 315

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Trp Val Ile Ala Pro Gln Gly Tyr Ser Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Glu Gly Glu
        320                 325                 330

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Cys Ser Phe Pro Leu Asp Ser Cys Met Asn Ala Thr Asn His Ala Ile
    335                 340                 345

CTG CAG TCC CTG GTG CAC CTG ATG AAG CCA AAC GCA GTC CCC AAG GCG      1584
Leu Gln Ser Leu Val His Leu Met Lys Pro Asn Ala Val Pro Lys Ala
350                 355                 360                 365

TGC TGT GCA CCC ACC AAG CTG AGC GCC ACC TCT GTG CTC TAC TAT GAC      1632
Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Lys Leu Ser Ala Thr Ser Val Leu Tyr Tyr Asp
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AGC AGC AAC AAC GTC ATC CTG CGC AAA CAC CGC AAC ATG GTG GTC AAG      1680
Ser Ser Asn Asn Val Ile Leu Arg Lys His Arg Asn Met Val Val Lys
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(i)SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 402 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii)MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix)FEATURE:
(A)OTHER INFORMATION: /product= "hOP2-PP"

(xi)SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:21:

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Gln Arg Arg Leu Gly Ala Arg Glu Arg Arg Asp Val Gln Arg Glu Ile
        35                  40                  45

Leu Ala Val Leu Gly Leu Pro Gly Arg Pro Arg Pro Arg Ala Pro Pro
    50                  55                  60

Ala Ala Ser Arg Leu Pro Ala Ser Ala Pro Leu Phe Met Leu Asp Leu
65                  70                  75                  80

Tyr His Ala Met Ala Gly Asp Asp Asp Glu Asp Gly Ala Pro Ala Glu
                85                  90                  95

Arg Arg Leu Gly Arg Ala Asp Leu Val Met Ser Phe Val Asn Met Val
            100                 105                 110

Glu Arg Asp Arg Ala Leu Gly His Gln Glu Pro His Trp Lys Glu Phe
        115                 120                 125

Arg Phe Asp Leu Thr Gln Ile Pro Ala Gly Glu Ala Val Thr Ala Ala
    130                 135                 140

Glu Phe Arg Ile Tyr Lys Val Pro Ser Ile His Leu Leu Asn Arg Thr
145                 150                 155                 160

Leu His Val Ser Met Phe Gln Val Val Gln Glu Gln Ser Asn Arg Glu
                165                 170                 175

Ser Asp Leu Phe Phe Leu Asp Leu Gln Thr Leu Arg Ala Gly Asp Glu
            180                 185                 190

Gly Trp Leu Val Leu Asp Val Thr Ala Ala Ser Asp Cys Trp Leu Leu
        195                 200                 205
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Lys Arg His Lys Asp Leu Gly Leu Arg Leu Tyr Val Glu Thr Glu Asp
210 215 220

Gly His Ser Val Asp Pro Gly Leu Ala Gly Leu Leu Gly Gln Arg Ala
225 230 235 240

Pro Arg Ser Gln Gln Pro Phe Val Val Thr Phe Phe Arg Ala Ser Pro
245 250 255

Ser Pro Ile Arg Thr Pro Arg Ala Val Arg Pro Leu Arg Arg Arg Gln
260 265 270

Pro Lys Lys Ser Asn Glu Leu Pro Gln Ala Asn Arg Leu Pro Gly Ile
275 280 285

Phe Asp Asp Val His Gly Ser His Gly Arg Gln Val Cys Arg Arg His
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Glu Leu Tyr Val Ser Phe Gln Asp Leu Gly Trp Leu Asp Trp Val Ile
305 310 315 320

Ala Pro Gln Gly Tyr Ser Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Glu Gly Glu Cys Ser Phe
325 330 335

Pro Leu Asp Ser Cys Met Asn Ala Thr Asn His Ala Ile Leu Gln Ser
340 345 350

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355 360 365

Pro Thr Lys Leu Ser Ala Thr Ser Val Leu Tyr Tyr Asp Ser Ser Asn
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 1926 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: MURIDAE
(F) TISSUE TYPE: EMBRYO

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 93..1289
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "mOP2 cDNA"

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                 25                  30                  35

GCG CGC GAG CGC CGC GAC ATG CAG CGT GAA ATC CTG GCG GTG CTC GGG  248
Ala Arg Glu Arg Arg Asp Met Gln Arg Glu Ile Leu Ala Val Leu Gly
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CTA CCG GGA CGG CCC CGA CCC CGT GCA CAA CCC GCG GCT GCC CGG CAG  296
Leu Pro Gly Arg Pro Arg Pro Arg Ala Gln Pro Ala Ala Ala Arg Gln
         55                  60                  65

CCA GCG TCC GCG CCC CTC TTC ATG TTG GAC CTA TAC CAC GCC ATG ACC  344
Pro Ala Ser Ala Pro Leu Phe Met Leu Asp Leu Tyr His Ala Met Thr
     70                  75                  80

GAT GAC GAC GAC GGC GGG CCA CCA CAG GCT CAC TTA GGC CGT GCC GAC  392
Asp Asp Asp Asp Gly Gly Pro Pro Gln Ala His Leu Gly Arg Ala Asp
 85                  90                  95                  100
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            120                 125                 130

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Pro Ser Thr His Pro Leu Asn Thr Thr Leu His Ile Ser Met Phe Glu
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Val Val Gln Glu His Ser Asn Arg Glu Ser Asp Leu Phe Phe Leu Asp
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Leu Gln Thr Leu Arg Ser Gly Asp Glu Gly Trp Leu Val Leu Asp Ile
                185                 190                 195

ACA GCA GCC AGT GAC CGA TGG CTG CTG AAC CAT CAC AAG GAC CTG GGA        728
Thr Ala Ala Ser Asp Arg Trp Leu Leu Asn His His Lys Asp Leu Gly
            200                 205                 210

CTC CGC CTC TAT GTG GAA ACC GCG GAT GGG CAC AGC ATG GAT CCT GGC        776
Leu Arg Leu Tyr Val Glu Thr Ala Asp Gly His Ser Met Asp Pro Gly
        215                 220                 225

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Leu Ala Gly Leu Leu Gly Arg Gln Ala Pro Arg Ser Arg Gln Pro Phe
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Met Val Thr Phe Phe Arg Ala Ser Gln Ser Pro Val Arg Ala Pro Arg
245                 250                 255                 260

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                265                 270                 275

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Pro His Pro Asn Lys Leu Pro Gly Ile Phe Asp Asp Gly His Gly Ser
            280                 285                 290

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Ser Val Leu Tyr Tyr Asp Ser Ser Asn Asn Val Ile Leu Arg Lys His
        375                 380                 385

CGT AAC ATG GTG GTC AAG GCC TGT GGC TGC CAC TGAGGCCCCG CCCAGCATCC    1309
Arg Asn Met Val Val Lys Ala Cys Gly Cys His
    390                 395

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ACTGAGAGGT CTGGGGTCAG CACTGAAGGC CCACATGAGG AAGACTGATC CTTGGCCATC    1609

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 399 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /product= "mOP2-PP"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:23:

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35 40 45

Val Leu Gly Leu Pro Gly Arg Pro Arg Pro Arg Ala Gln Pro Ala Ala
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Ala Arg Gln Pro Ala Ser Ala Pro Leu Phe Met Leu Asp Leu Tyr His Ala
70 75 80

Met Thr Asp Asp Asp Asp Gly Gly Pro Pro Gln Ala His Leu Gly Arg
85 90 95

Ala Asp Leu Val Met Ser Phe Val Asn Met Val Glu Arg Asp Arg Thr
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Leu Gly Tyr Gln Glu Pro His Trp Lys Glu Phe His Phe Asp Leu Thr
115 120 125 130

Gln Ile Pro Ala Gly Glu Ala Val Thr Ala Ala Glu Phe Arg Ile Tyr
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Lys Glu Pro Ser Thr His Pro Leu Asn Thr Thr Leu His Ile Ser Met
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180 185 190

Asp Ile Thr Ala Ala Ser Asp Arg Trp Leu Leu Asn His His Lys Asp
195 200 205 210

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215 220 225

Pro Gly Leu Ala Gly Leu Leu Gly Arg Gln Ala Pro Arg Ser Arg Gln
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Pro Phe Met Val Thr Phe Phe Arg Ala Ser Gln Ser Pro Val Arg Ala
245 250 255

Pro Arg Ala Ala Arg Pro Leu Lys Arg Arg Gln Pro Lys Lys Thr Asn
260 265 270

Glu Leu Pro His Pro Asn Lys Leu Pro Gly Ile Phe Asp Asp Gly His
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295 300 305

Phe Arg Asp Leu Gly Trp Leu Asp Trp Val Ile Ala Pro Gln Gly Tyr
310 315 320

Ser Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Glu Gly Glu Cys Ala Phe Pro Leu Asp Ser Cys
325 330 335

Met Asn Ala Thr Asn His Ala Ile Leu Gln Ser Leu Val His Leu Met
340 345 350

Lys Pro Asp Val Val Pro Lys Ala Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Lys Leu Ser
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 1368 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 1..1368
(D) OTHER INFORMATION:/STANDARD NAME="60A"

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION:
(A) AUTHORS: WHARTON, KRISTI A.; THOMSEN, GERALD H.; GELBERT, WILLIAM M.
(B) TITLE: DROSOPHILA 60A GENE...
(C) JOURNAL: PROC. NAT'L ACAD. SCI. USA
(D) VOLUME: 88
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(F) PAGES: 9214-9218
(G) DATE: OCT - 1991

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:

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Ala Val Glu Ala Thr Gln Ser Gly Ile Tyr Ile Asp Asn Gly Lys Asp
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Gln Thr Ile Met His Arg Val Leu Ser Glu Asp Asp Lys Leu Asp Val
    50                  55                  60

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65                  70                  75                  80

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Leu Asp Lys Arg Ala Ile Asp Glu Ser Asp Ile Ile Met Thr Phe Leu
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Asn Lys Arg His His Asn Val Asp Glu Leu Arg His Glu His Gly Arg
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        195                 200                 205

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Thr Ala Asn Arg Glu Phe Thr Ile Thr Val Tyr Ala Ile Gly Thr Gly
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Gly Asp Tyr Val Gly Trp Leu Glu Leu Asn Val Thr Glu Gly Leu His
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Glu Trp Leu Val Lys Ser Lys Asp Asn His Gly Ile Tyr Ile Gly Ala
            260                 265                 270

CAC GCT GTC AAC CGA CCC GAC CGC GAG GTG AAG CTG GAC GAC ATT GGA      864
His Ala Val Asn Arg Pro Asp Arg Glu Val Lys Leu Asp Asp Ile Gly
        275                 280                 285

CTG ATC CAC CGC AAG GTG GAC GAC GAG TTC CAG CCC TTC ATG ATC GGC      912
Leu Ile His Arg Lys Val Asp Asp Glu Phe Gln Pro Phe Met Ile Gly
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305                 310                 315                 320

CAC AGG AGC AAG CGA AGC GCC AGC CAT CCA CGC AAG CGC AAG AAG TCG       1008
His Arg Ser Lys Arg Ser Ala Ser His Pro Arg Lys Arg Lys Lys Ser
                325                 330                 335

GTG TCG CCC AAC AAC GTG CCG CTG CTG GAA CCG ATG GAG AGC ACG CGC       1056
Val Ser Pro Asn Asn Val Pro Leu Leu Glu Pro Met Glu Ser Thr Arg
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Lys Pro Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Arg Leu Gly Ala Leu Pro Val Leu Tyr
            420                 425                 430

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(A) LENGTH: 455 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:25:

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Gln Thr Ile Met His Arg Val Leu Ser Glu Asp Asp Lys Leu Asp Val
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Ser Tyr Glu Ile Leu Glu Phe Leu Gly Ile Ala Glu Arg Pro Thr His
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Leu Ser Ser His Gln Leu Ser Leu Arg Lys Ser Ala Pro Lys Phe Leu
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Leu Asp Val Tyr His Arg Ile Thr Ala Glu Glu Gly Leu Ser Asp Gln
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115 120 125

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165 170 175

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Lys Pro Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Arg Leu Gly Ala Leu Pro Val Leu Tyr
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
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(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(iii) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: Homo Sapiens

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: Protein
(B) LOCATION: 1..102
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note="BMP3"

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(i)SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
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(B) TYPE: amino acid
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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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            20                  25                  30

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Thr Ile Gln Ser Ile Val Ala Arg Ala Val Gly Val Val Pro Gly Ile
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Pro Glu Pro Cys Cys Val Pro Glu Lys Met Ser Ser Leu Ser Ile Leu
65                  70                  75                  80

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(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: HOMO SAPIENS

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: Protein
(B) LOCATION: 1..102
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        35                  40                  45

Ile Xaa Gln Xaa Leu Val His Xaa Xaa Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Val Pro Lys
    50                  55                  60

Xaa Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Xaa Leu Xaa Ala Xaa Ser Val Leu Tyr Xaa
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(D) OTHER INFORMATION: wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined in the specification.

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What is claimed is:

1. A method of screening candidate compounds for the ability to modulate the effective concentration of a morphogen in an organism, said method comprising

incubating a candidate compound with cells from a test tissue type known to produce a morphogen for a time sufficient to allow said compound to affect the production of said morphogen, and

assaying said cells for a parameter indicative of a change in the level of production of said morphogen.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said morphogen is OP-1.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said test tissue type is a human renal-derived tissue.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said renal-derived tissue is a kidney or bladder-derived tissue.

5. The method of claim 2 wherein said test tissue type is adrenal-derived tissue.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein said morphogen is GDF-1.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein said test tissue type is derived from human nerve tissue.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein said nerve tissu is brain-derived tissue.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said morphogen is DPP.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein said test tissue type is derived from one of the following drosophila tissues: dorsal ectoderm, epithelial imaginal disc visceral mesoderm, or gut endoderm.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said morphogen is Vgr-1.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said test tissue type is mouse lung tissue.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein said morphogen is Vgl.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein said test tissue type is xenopus fetal endoderm tissue.

15. A method of assessing a tissue of an organism for its level of production of a morphogen and for screening candidate compounds for the ability to modulate the effective concentration of said morphogen produced by cells of said tissue, said method comprising

selecting a test tissue type producing a high level of morphogen relative to the level of morphogen produced by other tissue types;

incubating a candidate compound with cultured cells of said selected tissue type for a time sufficient to allow said compound to affect the production of said morphogen; and

assaying said selected tissue cells for a parameter indicative of a change in the level of production of said morphogen.

16. The method of claim 1 or 15 wherein said parameter indicative of the level of said morphogen is determined using an antibody specific for said morphogen.

17. The method of claim 1 or 15 wherein said parameter indicative of the level of said morphogen is determined by measuring cellular proliferation in cells which are sensitive to the concentration of secreted OP-1.

18. The method of claim 1 or 15 wherein said parameter indicative of the level of said morphogen is determined using a nucleic acid probe that hybridizes under stringent conditions with nucleic acid encoding said morphogen.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein said morphogen comprises a minimally active core C-terminal region comprising at least six cysteine residues, and said nucleic acid probe hybridizes with an mRNA encoding a region N-terminal to said core region.

20. The method of claim 18 wherein said morphogen comprises a minimally active core C-terminal region

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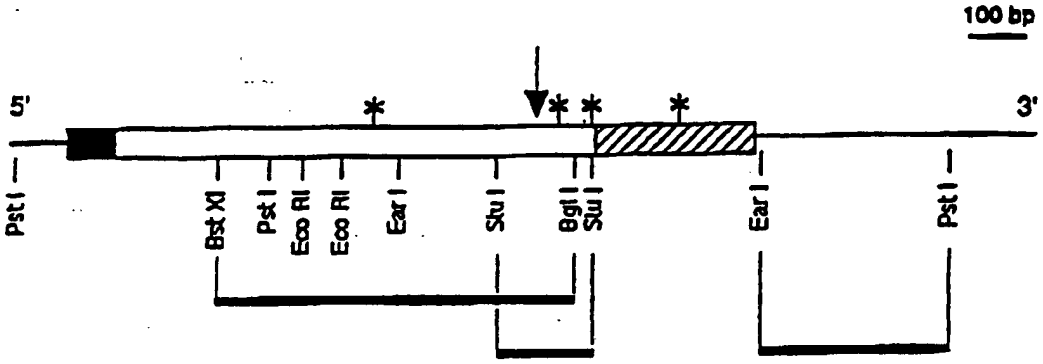
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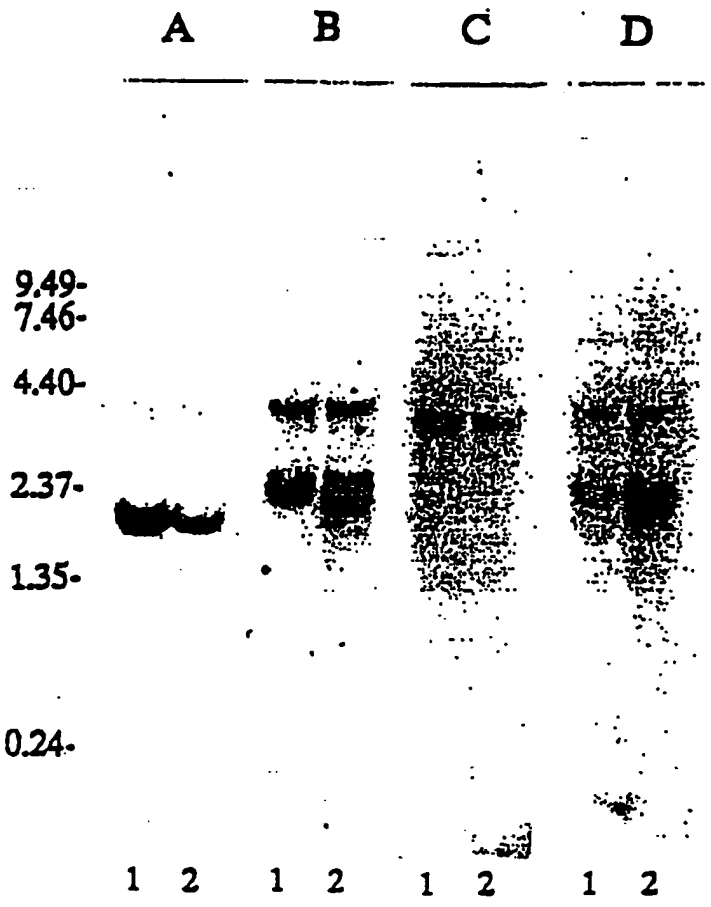
Fig 1



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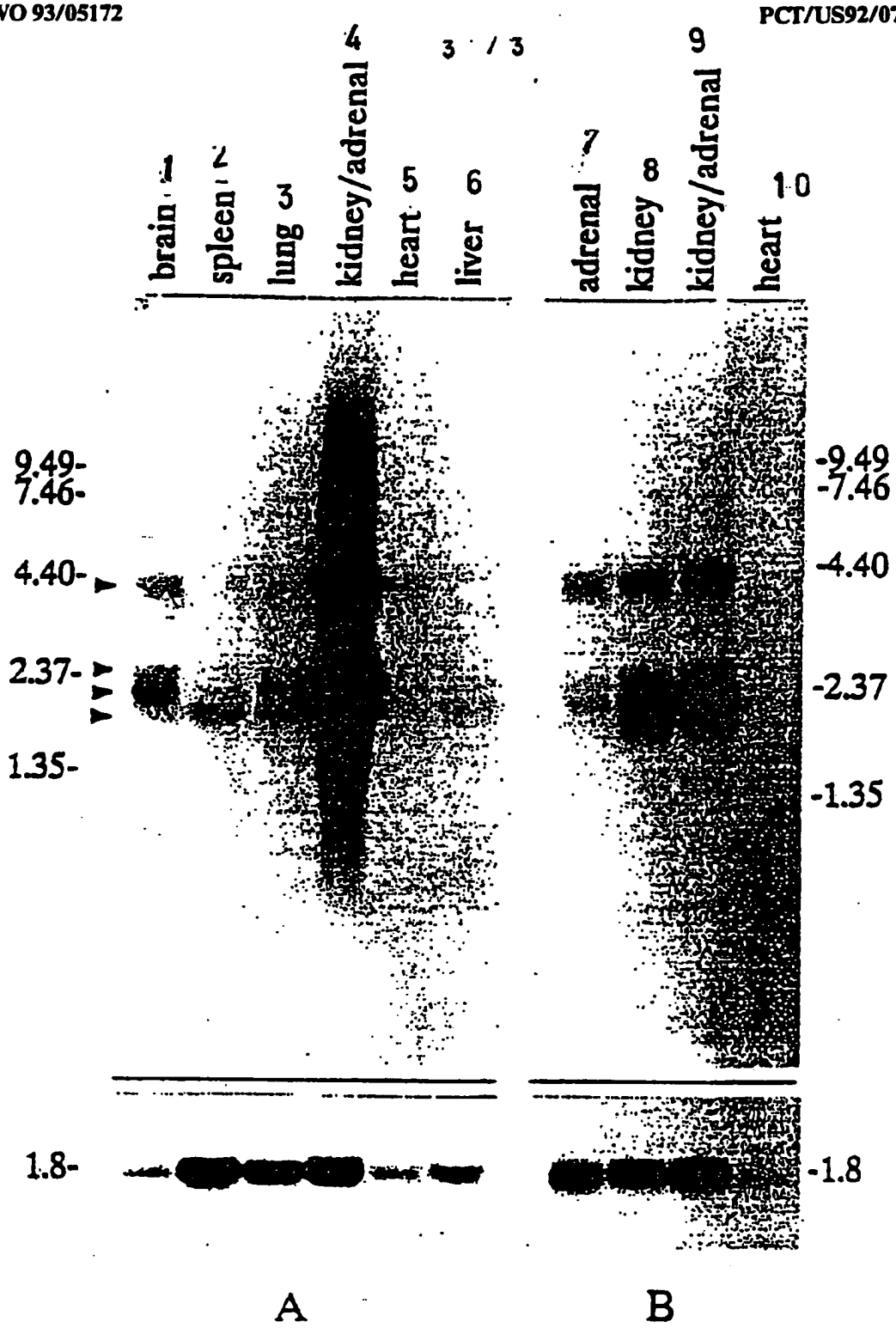
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Fig 3

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